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Most Yutu shelters closed

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Over 200 shelterees were relocated to a school in the northern area of Saipan yesterday since some of the current shelters lack utilities, while efforts to relocate more will continue today.

▶ Shelterees relocated to northern Saipan

Saipan Tribune learned that about 210 shelterees from several of the schools down south were relocated yesterday to the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque as it has water and power and

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FEMA deployed over 40 generators

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided over 40 generators to temporarily energize Saipan, soon after Super Typhoon Yutu hit the CNMI.

David Gervino, FEMA's incident management assistance teams external affairs officer, said during the

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The Philippine Consulate General in Guam hands out yesterday financial assistance to Filipino nationals on Tinian who were affected by Super Typhoon Yutu. A total of 207 Filipino households benefited.

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Guam's Catholic Church to file bankruptcy amid abuse lawsuits

By CALEB JONES and GRACE GARCES BORDALLO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam's Catholic church will file for bankruptcy—a move that will allow the archdiocese to avoid trial in dozens of lawsuits alleging child sexual abuse by priests and move toward settlements.

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In this November 2014 file photo, Archbishop Anthony Apuron stands in front of the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica in Hagatna, Guam. AP

Dems seize House, but GOP holds Senate

By STEVE PEOPLES and JILL COLVI
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats seized the House majority from President Donald Trump's Republican Party on Tuesday in a suburban revolt that threatened what's left of the president's governing agenda. But the GOP gained ground in the Senate and preserved key governorships, beating back a "blue wave" that never fully materialized.

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CUC, Tinian prep to receive poles, equipment, crew

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Tinian Mayor's Office are preparing to receive a shipment of hundreds of power poles and equipment and the arrival of utilities crews on Tinian in the coming days.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho met with Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas and the Primary Source Electric contractor yesterday to discuss the staging areas for the arrival of power poles, tools, and power crews.

According to CUC, its logistical team headed yesterday to Tinian to assess staging areas and ongoing preparations for Tinian power and water restoration efforts.

CUC also reported that, as of Tuesday at 3pm, all four power feeders on Tinian remain offline; they have no power.

CUC said 95 percent of Tinian's water supply is online in San Jose Village, Carolinas Heights, Marpo Heights I and II, and Marpo Valley.

CUC said Tinian's water station will be open from 2pm to 5pm beginning yesterday. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

5 elected to Chamber board seats

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce had its board election yesterday during its monthly general meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan to fill up five vacancies.

Eight candidates ran to get a chance to work as a board member. The five elected to the board were Shayne Villanueva of AON Insurance, Marcia Calvo of Calvo's Insurance, Joe Guerrero of Bridge Capital, Tyrell Pauling of Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Janel Pangelinan of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters. The others who ran were Donna Krum of Friends First Marketing, Jim Arenovski of Delta Management, Kevin McCale of Docomo Pacific, and Ron Smith of Angil Design.

Chamber president Velma Palacios earlier said she is pleased with the roster of candidates this year.

"Any of these persons that make it to the board will make me very happy. I've worked with these individuals in different capacities, not necessarily with the Chamber as some of them are volunteers in Chamber committees," she said,

"With their experience, hard work and commitment to the Chamber, anyone of them that would make it is a great asset to the board," she added.

Villanueva is not new to Chamber work as he has been a part of the many activities and programs initiated by Chamber committees. "I feel good as I have been given another opportunity to serve my community and grow my business career. I am excited to be on the board and to be able to bring my skill set to learn and get mentored by other as well," he said.

The board seat came as a surprise to Calvo "I am definitely surprised and excited…I've been doing voluntary work with the Chamber and I intend to continue and do some more as a board member," she said.

"The island just experienced a catastrophe and having to see how resilient everyone is in helping one another, I am sure that the businesses and the community will be up and running, maybe not normal but better," she added.

As an active member of the Chamber, Guerrero feels a board seat is an extension of more work that he wants to do. "It feels good as I've been an active member for 15 years now through the various businesses that I've worked for but I've never served on the board, just in committees, so I look forward to helping out," he said "I think there are some things that we could do better."

Pauling will be serving another term as board member. "Being a part of the board for the last two terms has been very good. There is a lot of opportunity for the business community to engage more-…and that's where the current board is trying to go."

He said he is excited to see new faces in the board. "There's a lot of energy and capacity built within this group that will be coming in January next year," he added.

Pangelinan, who was not present at the meeting, is a claims processor at Pacifica Insurance Underwriters and has been active in the Events Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. Pangelinan was named the 2016 Saipan Young Professional of the Year.

The Chamber is governed by the nine-member board and the general membership elects members in November annually. Current Chamber board member Alex Sablan said at least 88 members showed up at yesterday's meeting and cast votes. Besides the newly-elected members, the other board members are Palacios, Sablan, Perry Inos Jr., and Michael S. Johnson.

"We welcome the new board members…[and] I look forward to working with the new board," he added.

Newly-elected Saipan Chamber of Commerce board members. From left: Joe Guerrero of Bridge Capital LLC, Shayne Villanueva of AON Insurance, and Marcia Calvo of Calvo's Insurance. Not in the picture are Janel Pangelinan of Pacifica Insurance Underwriter's Inc. and Tyrell Pauling of Hyatt Regency Saipan. The election was held during the SCC general membership meeting held yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Ballroom in Garapan.
BEA CABRERA

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Marian Aldan-Pierce, president of DFS Saipan, presents a $60,000 donation to American Red Cross executive director John Hirsh and ARC board members.

DFS donates $60K to relief efforts

DFS, which operates the T Galleria in Garapan, has made a $60,000 donation to support the Super Typhoon Yutu relief efforts of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

The $60,000 gift—$50,000 for Saipan, $10,000 for Tinian—will be used to support families impacted by the catastrophic damage caused by Yutu.

The Red Cross will be providing emergency supplies such as water, mosquito nets, coils and repellant, coolers, totes, buckets, blankets, hygiene supplies, cleaning kits, camp stoves, solar lanterns, coloring books for kids and many other important items.

In addition, the Red Cross in the coming days will be providing financial assistance to those with major damage to their homes.

"DFS is always there for the Red Cross, whether for our annual fundraising activities or during community-wide disasters like Typhoon Yutu," said Larry Lee, vice chair of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

Individuals interested in volunteering or making a donation to the Red Cross should stop by the Red Cross office on Airport Road. ***(PR)***

'Typhoon debris a threat to marine life'

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Super Typhoon Yutu's howling winds of over 180 mph two weeks ago has left the Saipan lagoon littered with harmful debris that pose a threat to marine life.

That includes an assortment of items made of tin, lumber, metal, green waste, etc.—typhoon debris that are extremely harmful to the many animals that call the Saipan lagoon home, according to Micronesian Islands Nature Alliance executive director Roberta Guerrero.

"Debris is definitely harmful to marine life and, aside from the tin and large debris, all the small pieces, plastics, Styrofoam, and other pollutants are a severe threat to the health of the lagoon and marine life," she said in an online interview.

Currently, MINA has not been able to enter the Saipan lagoon to start clearing it of typhoon debris as the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality is still in the process of assessing the lagoon.

Instead, the alliance has started clearing the Saipan coastline of typhoon debris.

"MINA has begun the process of removing the debris that affects the most vulnerable coastlines in the nearshore lagoon. This is being done in cooperation with BECQ," said Guerrero.

She acknowledged that they are just in the beginning. "This is only the very beginning of the cleanup of beaches but, with small steps every day, improvements are being made," she said.

Other groups have also taken the initiative to clear the lagoon of typhoon debris like the 500 Sails' Dolphin Club and DFS T Galleria staff.

Aside from the actual cleanup work that's ongoing, MINA's Tasi Watch rangers are also conducting coastal assessment around the island to determine which areas are the most affected "and setting priorities to address those most vulnerable sites for cleanup," said Guerrero.

She said that MINA is currently participating in the CNMI Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters in an effort to make all volunteer cleanup efforts efficient.

Guerrero said that volunteers are welcome to help MINA. "We encourage everyone to add their names to the VOAD volunteer master list," she said.

Interested VOAD volunteers may contact Gospel Trinidad at (670) 285-3648.

For more information, individuals may also email MINA at minaoutreach@gmail.com, or call 233-7333.

MVA cleans Last Command Post, other sites

As recovery needs continue to be addressed following Super Typhoon Yutu, scenic and recreational sites in the Marianas are also being restored to normalcy by the Marianas Visitors Authority and its tourism partners.

Volunteers from tour operator Saipan Adventure took the lead beginning Oct. 30, just five days after the storm, restoring access to and cleaning popular dive site Grotto, clearing trees to open the main roadway in Marpi, and clearing the access road and hiking trail to Forbidden Island.

Last Nov. 6, the MVA wrapped up several days of work clearing debris and trees at Last Command Post in Marpi, as well as the adjacent Korean Peace Memorial, Japanese Peace Memorial, and Okinawan Peace Memorial.

"Although in general northern Saipan fared better than southern Saipan in the storm, many large trees in Marpi were heavily damaged, and there were many trees and branches strewn across historic and iconic sites," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "As we resume tourism, we're pleased to say that, thanks to the efforts of many government agencies, our staff, and good fortune, Marpi is still accessible," Concepcion said. "Their contribution of manpower and resources has been a tremendous help, and we know there are many others helping across the Marianas. Definitely, we are stronger together."

Community Projects coordinator Jack Aranda, left, and acting marketing manager Thomas Kim are part of a team from the Marianas Visitors Authority cleaning the Last Command Post and its adjacent memorials on Oct. 31, 2018. The MVA was joined in the cleanup by Japan Travel Association of Saipan, Northern Marianas Dive Operators Association, and Kinpachi Restaurant. MVA

Rota trades technician Perry John Taimanao, front, and other staff of the Marianas Visitors Authority clear Tonga Cave on Rota following Super Typhoon Yutu, which passed through the Marianas in October 2018. MVA

Concepcion particularly cited MVA's private sector partners—Saipan Adventure, Northern Marianas Dive Operators Association, Japan Saipan Travel Association, and Kinpachi Restaurant—who have assisted with the restoration of tourist sites.

Over the next few days, the MVA will join other tourism representatives in cleaning at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and other important sites around Saipan.

On Rota, the least impacted by the storm, all sites have remained open while MVA conducts cleanup.

On Tinian, the most impacted by the storm, site restoration will be prioritized after the more immediate needs of the community are met.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the MVA at 1 (670) 664-3200 or info@mymarianas.com. ***(MVA)***

DFW expects destroyed nests of wedge-tailed shearwater birds on Managaha

The CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife expects that many nests of the wedge-tailed shearwaters on Managaha Island were flooded or collapsed from Super Typhoon Yutu's fury because these birds are burrow nesters.

Although they usually don't monitor specific nests, Wildlife Section supervisor Jill Liske-Clark said yesterday that the exception is the nesting colony of wedge-tailed shearwater birds on Managaha, which they have been monitoring for many years. She expects the birds' eggs and nests were destroyed by the strong winds of the typhoon.

"It is right at the end of their nesting season when chicks are almost ready to fledge (leave the nest)," she said.

Since Tasi Tours is currently not running trips to Managaha, Liske-Clark said they do not have transportation to check the nesting colony. "We will go check just as soon as we can get there."

Over a decade ago, the division began efforts to rehabilitate the nesting sites for the wedge-tailed shearwater birds on Managaha. It was reported last year that such efforts resulted in a remarkable survival rate for the birds.

In June 2017, the division reported 170 active nests that produced 96 chicks—the highest total to date since the project began.

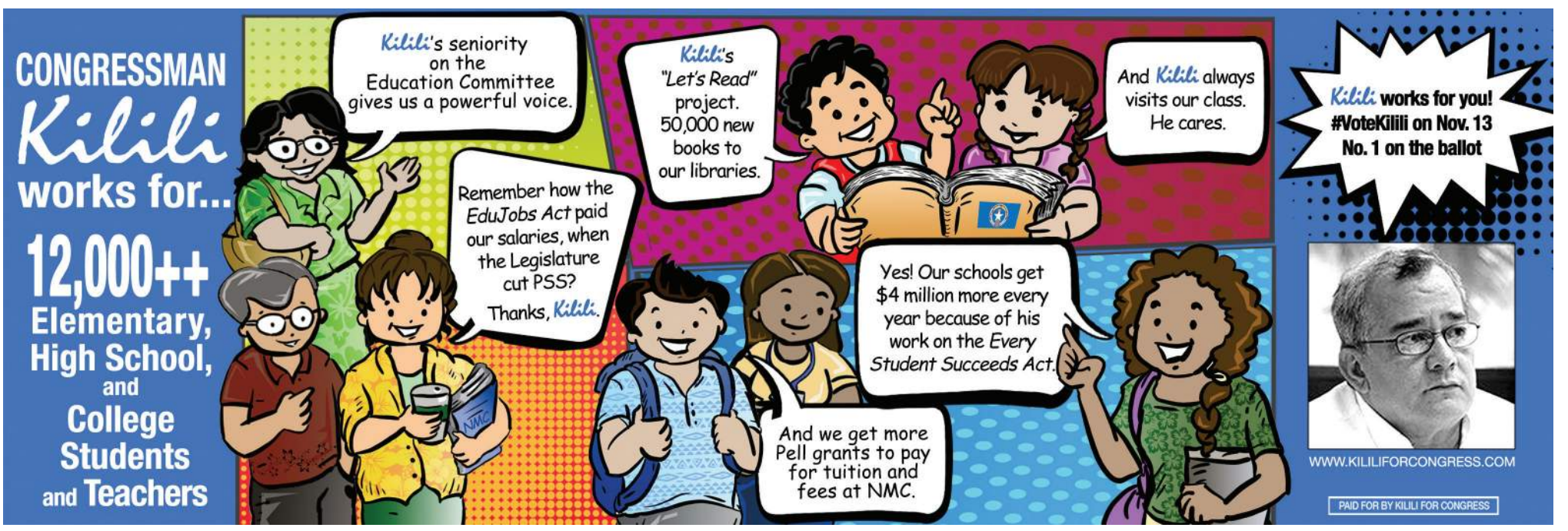
The colony on Managaha was confirmed in 2000 and is reportedly the only known nesting site of wedge-tailed shearwater birds in the CNMI.

According to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, the wedge-tailed shearwater is cousin to the albatross and has a dark-brown or gray-brown top, with a white underside, making it one of the rarest species on Saipan.

Liske-Clark noted that what they saw after Typhoon Soudelor's devastation in 2015 was a short-term decline in bird populations in the CNMI, but within a year or two populations have rebounded to pre-typhoon levels.

"I suspect that we will see the same with Yutu," she said.

She noted that they had just completed the quarterly monitoring in October right before Yutu hit, so they are implementing an extra round of monitoring now so they can measure the direct population-level impact from the storm. ***(Fedie De La Torre)***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Torres congratulates Guam's 1st female governor

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres congratulated Lou Leon Guerrero yesterday after the former Guam lawmaker became Guam's first female governor, defeating Republican bet Ray Tenorio for the top post in the CNMI's southernmost island neighbor.

"I congratulate former senator Lou Leon Guerrero and her running mate Joshua Tenorio on their electoral victory as the governor and lieutenant governor of Guam," Torres said in a statement.

"Lou is a personal friend of mine, and I spoke to her earlier today [Wednesday] about continuing the partnerships between our islands and the collaboration between our governments," added Torres, who is still coordinating the CNMI's recovery from two destructive typhoons.

If given the opportunity to serve again, Torres looks forward to working with the Leon Guerrero administration "to build an even stronger relationship between the CNMI and Guam."

Torres also congratulated all candidates that won in Guam's elections.

"This election for Guam was historic, with the election of their first female governor and a record 10 female senators [elected] to the 35th Guam Legislature. The people of Guam have spoken, and I look forward to working with their newly elected leaders to usher in a new era of progress for the Marianas."

The CNMI elections was also supposed to be held last Tuesday, Nov. 6, but Torres pushed it back another week after the destruction wrought by Super Typhoon Yutu on Saipan and Tinian. The election is now set on Nov. 13 while early voting began last Nov. 6.

Leon Guerrero, of the Democrat Party, became Guam's first female elected governor after she and running mate Josh Tenorio garnered 18,081 votes or 50.70 percent of the votes cast.

The Leon Guerrero-Tenorio tandem defeated Ray Tenorio, the outgoing lieutenant governor of Gov. Eddie Calvo, and Sen. Tony Ada with the GOP tandem receiving 9,419 votes or 26.41 percent. Write-in candidates Frank Aguon and Alicia Limtiaco came third with 8,161 votes or 22.88 percent.

Leon Guerrero, in a victory message, said it is now time to reach out and unite all the people in Guam. "This election has been rough for our entire community. And as we move forward in healing, Josh and I look forward to working on behalf of all the people of Guam."

"Over the last two years, you have invited us into your homes. We have listened to your concerns and with your input, developed a plan to change Guam for the better. Now, you have entrusted to us with the responsibility to carry out that mandate."

She added that her administration would be fair to all. "Josh and I commit to you that we will apply all the principles of fairness, equality, and justice to the highest level of your government. We will fight for fair wages, enhance public safety, health care and education, and work each and every day to improve your quality of life."

"The healing begins now. The work begins now. And we are honored to be by your side as we enter this new era of change and prosperity," added Leon Guerrero, who became the first Democrat to win Guam's top post after former governor Carl Gutierrez.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) also congratulated his Guam counterpart Michael San Nicolas for becoming Guam's non-voting representative to the U.S. Congress.

PH consulate aids over 200 on Tinian

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam handed out financial assistance yesterday to more than 200 Filipino nationals on Tinian who were affected by Super Typhoon Yutu, which passed over the island directly.

The Philippine Consulate General, led by vice consul Alex Vallespin and CNMI honorary consul Glicerio Arago, handed out $50 financial assistance per Filipino household on Tinian.

United Filipino Association on Tinian president Rodney Cabarles and members Susan Perez and Joey Lanteja helped the group on Tinian, which consisted of the CNMI Office of the Governor's Community Outreach coordinator Annamae Adaza, Arago, and Vallespin.

Similar to a previous financial outreach effort on Saipan last weekend, the one on Tinian consisted of $50 each for a total of 207 households.

"It went very smooth," said Arago. He thanked the volunteers on Tinian that assisted.

The one on Saipan was able to help 600 Filipino households, and while a second round of financial assistance would be provided from Nov. 14 through Nov. 16, Adaza told *Saipan Tribune* that there would not be another instance of financial relief assistance on Tinian. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

YUTU

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can ideally provide the medical needs of shelterees, according to CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management external affairs officer Nadine Deleon Guerrero.

A representative of the CNMI Emergency Operations Center told *Saipan Tribune* that the 160 shelterees of Marianas High School, 38 shelterees of the Oleai Headstart Center, 21 shelterees at the Dandan Headstart Center, and about 10 families seeking shelter at the Saipan Aging Office were relocated to GTC through Public School System school buses.

GTC prepared for the shelterees by getting rid of typhoon debris and storing classroom accessories, according to the representative.

GTC could accommodate 240 people in classrooms. Its cafeteria, which is usually used for shelters in other schools, would be used for eating.

A press statement from the CNMI Joint Information Center noted that the Tanapag Middle School is next in line for housing shelterees of the San Vicente Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, and the Saipan Southern High School, and that they would be transported to TMS today at 1:30pm. The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority would provide transportation for shelterees going to TMS.

There was no mention of how many shelterees would be relocated and whether they would be staying in the cafeteria or classrooms. However, the statement noted that all shelters would be closed today at 6:30pm.

According to Deleon Guerrero, there are 823 shelterees on Saipan and 48 on Tinian.

DEMS

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The mixed verdict in the first nationwide election of Trump's young presidency underscored the limits of his hardline immigration rhetoric in America's evolving political landscape, where college-educated voters in the nation's suburbs rejected his warnings of a migrant "invasion."

Blue-collar voters and rural America embraced his aggressive talk and stances. However, the new Democratic House majority will end the Republican Party's dominance in Washington for the final two years of Trump's first term with major questions looming about health care, immigration and government spending.

The president's party will maintain control of the executive and judicial branches of the government, in addition to the Senate, but Democrats suddenly have a foothold that gives them subpoena power to probe deep into Trump's personal and professional missteps—and his long-withheld tax returns.

"Tomorrow will be a new day in America," declared House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who would be in line to become the next House speaker.

It could have been a much bigger night for Democrats, who suffered stinging losses in Ohio and in Florida, where Trump-backed Republican Ron DeSantis ended Democrat Andrew Gillum's bid to become the state's first African-American governor.

The 2018 elections also exposed an extraordinary political realignment in an electorate defined by race, gender, and education that could shape U.S. politics for years to come.

The GOP's successes were fueled by a coalition that's decidedly older, whiter, more male and less likely to have college degrees. Democrats relied more upon women, people of color, young people and college graduates.

Record diversity on the ballot may have helped drive turnout.

Women won at least 85 seats in the House, a record. The House was also getting its first two Muslim women, Massachusetts elected its first black congresswoman, and Tennessee got its first female senator.

Three candidates had hoped to become their states' first African-American governors, although just one—Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams—was still in the running.

Overall, women voted considerably more in favor of congressional Democratic candidates—with fewer than 4 in 10 voting for Republicans, according to VoteCast, a nationwide survey of more than 115,000 voters and about 20,000 nonvoters—conducted for The Associated Press by NORC at the University of Chicago.

In suburban areas where key House races were decided, female voters skewed significantly toward Democrats by a nearly 10-point margin.

Democrats celebrated a handful of victories in their "blue wall" Midwestern states, electing or re-electing governors in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and in Wisconsin, where Scott Walker was defeated by state education chief Tony Evers.

CATHOLIC

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Archbishop Michael Byrnes announced Wednesday that mediation efforts that began in September led the church to bankruptcy.

"This path will bring the greatest measure of justice to the greatest number of victims," Byrnes said. "That's the heart of what we're doing."

Byrnes said the bankruptcy will provide "finality for victim survivors that they've been heard and understood."

Attorney Leander James, who is working with alleged victims in Guam, said in a statement the move will help move current lawsuits from more than 180 claims of abuse to settlement.

"We welcome the announcement," James said in a statement. "Bankruptcy provides the only realistic path to settlement of pending and future claims."

James says the bankruptcy will create a deadline for victims to file claims.

"This bankruptcy filing will automatically stop any further action in the lawsuits that have been filed, and it will create a deadline for all Guam clergy abuse victims to file claims," James said. "It will be important for those who have not come forward to do so and file their claim."

Guam attorney Anthony Perez, who is also representing victims, says the bankruptcy does not mean the archdiocese will be shuttered.

"Just because the archdiocese is filing for bankruptcy does not mean it will go out of business," Perez said. "In my discussions with attorneys from my team with extensive experience in these types of bankruptcies, this filing will allow the archdiocese to reorganize and still be operational after the claims are paid and the bankruptcy is closed."

Earlier this year the Vatican removed the suspended Guam archbishop from office and ordered him not to return to the Pacific island after convicting him of some charges in a Vatican sex abuse trial.

The Vatican didn't say what exactly Archbishop Anthony Apuron had been convicted of, and the sentence was far lighter than those given high-profile elderly prelates found guilty of molesting minors.

Apuron, who has denied the allegations and has not been criminally charged, is 72. The Vatican retirement age is 75.

Pope Francis named a temporary administrator for Guam in 2016 after Apuron was accused by former altar boys of sexually abusing them when he was a priest. Dozens of cases involving other priests on the island have since come to light, and the archdiocese is facing more than $115 million in lawsuits alleging child sexual abuse by priests.

Church lawyer Keith Talbot says the church has been able to settle two cases.

FEMA

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan that FEMA was able to deploy a total of 44 generators just a week after Yutu.

"We've had 44 installations of temporary power to critical facilities. We've conducted…142 or 148 assessments," he said.

The generators currently power the more critical infrastructures on the islands of Saipan and Tinian and also powers the pumps needed to get water flowing to villages.

Aside from generators, FEMA also deployed a total of 261 personnel on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to offer disaster assistance, and 913 other federal agency personnel.

When asked about the overall cost of aiding the CNMI, Gervino said those numbers are not available yet since the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu is still fresh. Generally, FEMA comes up with cost estimates 60 days into a disaster. "The reason for that is because people are still applying for assistance," he added.

Gervino said that FEMA is encouraging everyone to apply for disaster assistance, whether the damage to their homes from Super Typhoon Yutu is major or minore.

Only U.S. citizens or individuals with U.S. citizen children can avail of financial disaster assistance from FEMA, but non-U.S. citizens will be directed to organizations or agencies that can offer aid to immigrants.

JON PEREZ

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seated third left, joins Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IX deputy regional administrator Bill Roche, second left, and other federal partners involved in the relief and recovery efforts after Super Typhoon Yutu in last week's joint news briefing at the NMI Retirement Fund building on Capital Hill.

'Getting businesses back up also a priority'

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency recognizes that the private sector is an important partner of every community in its recovery efforts after every disaster, according to FEMA-National Incident Management Assessment Team external affairs officer David Gervino.

In a briefing last Friday at the NMI Retirement Fund building, Gervino said that businesses play a key role in a lot of areas when it comes to a community's recovery. That's why it is one of the agency's priorities in any disaster.

After life-saving and life-sustaining needs are fulfilled, the next priority of the CNMI government and FEMA "is making sure properties don't get further damaged and to protect the environment."

Getting the private sector up and running is next. "We know that when people can get back to their jobs, they are able to work each day. They have that routine that they are returning to."

"[That] even though things are not all fixed and perfect at their homes, and they have a long process of recovery to go to, [getting people back to their jobs] is just something that gives people a sense of normalcy. It is something that gives people a sense of empowerment," he said.

In a span of just about two months, the CNMI was hit by two strong typhoons. Saipan and Tinian are on their way to recovery after Super Typhoon Yutu's hurricane-like winds hammered the islands almost two weeks ago while Rota is also coming back to life after Typhoon Mangkhut's devastation.

Gervino said that people working and earning their paychecks again would help stimulate the local economy. "It means that stores are open and so residents can go and spend money here to stimulate the local economy."

He said the government would continue giving relief and other aid to the people if ever private businesses are not yet fully operational. However, getting businesses operational is also a priority.

"When government is here and giving things out, which we'll do as long as it takes until there's private sector resources available, that doesn't do anything to help the local economy."

"So, we get the [private sector] back up and running and, in that way, people are able to put money into the local economy and get back on their feet."

Press secretary Kevin Bautista added that getting businesses down south back up is also their priority. "We want to reassure the community, especially within Garapan, which is the central hub of our economy, most of the businesses remain fine, which is good."

"In terms of the areas closest to the hotels, while that is important we want to make sure that we still continue to bring up the private sector partners down south, where most of the damage is."

He added that the Office of the Attorney General is also monitoring the prices of goods. "The OAG has issued a price freeze and there's an executive order signed by the governor a few days ago at the beginning of the storm."

"If there's any price gouging, you have to report to the AG consumer protection counsel. We really know that folks are trying to get back on their feet and we don't want certain private sectors exploiting consumers and customers during this time."

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Hoyer: Kilili is a workhorse

"In Congress, there are show horses and there are workhorses. Your congressman is a workhorse."

It was with those words of praise that Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (Maryland) endorsed the re-election bid of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) yesterday.

"As the Democratic leader most involved in the day-to-day flow of bills on the floor of the House, Steny Hoyer has been absolutely essential to everything I have been able to accomplish for the people of the Marianas," Sablan said. "I appreciate his words of confidence and look forward to working with him as the Majority Leader of a Democratic majority House of Representatives next year."

Hoyer's endorsement letter states in part: "I was proud to work with Congressman Sablan this year to pass his U.S. Workforce Act through the House of Representatives."

"For every bill that comes to the floor, [Sablan] is focused on how it will impact the people of the Marianas and what he can do to protect your interests," the letter added.

Sablan said that Hoyer's help was essential to passage of the U.S. Workforce Act, also known as the CW bill. "He had to approved bringing the bill to the floor for a vote under suspension of the rules and his office had to assure other Democrats that a bill allowing more foreign workers into the United States was okay to vote for. That is how we got the Workforce Act passed without any dissenting votes."

Hoyer

Sablan also credits Hoyer with playing a key role in the passage of the Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act in August 2017. That bill temporarily allowed more foreign workers into the Commonwealth.

"More importantly, [that bill] permanently raised the amount of money that has to go for training U.S. workers in the Commonwealth," Sablan said.

The extra training money has gone to pay for college scholarships, among other uses. Starting next year, use of the funds will be subject to rigorous new standards to ensure that the dollars spent result in U.S. workers employed in the Commonwealth.

"Steny helped me get the bill passed when everyone had gone home for the August recess, something that was theoretically possible, but almost never done," Sablan explained. "Even after 10 years in Congress, there are still new tricks to learn about the legislative process—and how to make it work for the people of the Marianas." ***(PR)***

GUAM SOLDIER PROMOTED

Maj. Mary Jean Sumbang, commander of the Guam Army National Guard's GUARNG Element, and Guam Department of Education teacher, was promoted to her current rank by Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Leon Guerrero, the Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard, on Thursday, Oct. 18, in front of her second grade students at Maria Ulloa Elementary School in Dededo. "I am proud to serve my island and my nation in the Guam Guard, but I also love teaching. With the amount of time I spend away from the classroom, I felt it would be a meaningful experience to share this occasion with my kids and the school staff and say thank you for the continued support of both my careers," said Sumbang.

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Camacho grants distribution of land compensation funds

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho granted the distribution of over $2 million in land compensation funds from the estate of Asuncion Rangamar Aldan.

Last Thursday, Camacho granted the petition for a decree of partial distribution that was submitted by Meliza Mae Deleon Guerrero Babauta, the administrator of the estate of Asuncion Rangamar Aldan (also known as the Concepcion Reyes Aldan).

Babauta is the granddaughter of Asuncion Rangamar Aldan. The petition was submitted through attorney Vincent DLG Torres.

The estate of Asuncion Rangamar Aldan received the $2,531,243.90 as part of the Mangabao land compensation.

Each descendant of Asuncion R. Aldan will receive a share of $810,414.63.

The descendants are Eulogio Aldan, Herman Rangamar Aldan, and Ana Aldan Deleon Guerrero.

In granting the request, Camacho said the families need the funds, especially after Super Typhoon Yutu devastated the island.

Asuncion Rangamar Aldan is one of the two heirs of Ramona Rangamar. Ramona was one of the three deceased heirs of the estate of Maria Mangabao.

On Dec. 22, 2017, after years of litigation, the Superior Court issued the decree of final distribution for the $19.3 million paid by the CNMI to the heirs of the estate of Maria Mangabao.

Mangabao died in the early 1990s, leaving her estate to three heirs who are now deceased.

The local court divided the land compensation funds into three shares of $5,335,216 for the three deceased heirs: Ramona Rangamar, Visitacion Rangamar Flores, and Vicente Rangamar.

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15th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.
Board of Education Conference Room, Building 1241
Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

AGENDA[1]

I. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
   a. June 20, 2018 Special Board Meeting
   b. September 28, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
   c. October 03, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

II. Public Comments[2]

III. Reports
1. Chair
2. Board Committees
   a. FPA
   b. SARC
3. Commissioner of Education
   a. Schools and Facilities CIP Damage Assessment Update
   b. Early Head Start Program Option
   c. Request to Extend Liquidation Period

IV. Unfinished Business
1. Commissioner of Education

V. New Business
1. Project Serve Extended Federal Grant Proposal
2. Certification and Licensure Report No. 2018-011

VI. Executive Session[3]
   a. Legal Updates
   b. Personnel/Certification
   c. Other matters

VII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

VIII. Adjournment

[1] In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.
[2] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[3] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

UOG students win award at STEM diversity conference

University of Guam students presented their research projects last month at the nation's largest conference focusing on diversity in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) with one UOG student winning an award. The conference was the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science, or SACNAS, National Conference, held Oct. 9–13 in San Antonio, Texas.

The students gave poster presentations, competing against thousands of other students nationwide. UOG biology major Jordan Barcinas received the "Outstanding Research Presentation" award in the General Biology/Life Sciences division. His presentation was on his hydroid (jellyfish) research project.

"Winning the award felt surreal, but I am honored that my experiment and presentation were held in such high regard," Barcinas said. "I really enjoyed the 2018 SACNAS conference, and I'm thankful to UOG for the experience."

Dr. Bastian Bentlage, an assistant professor of bioinformatics at UOG's Marine Laboratory, mentored Barcinas in his research.

In its 45th year, the SACNAS National Conference is regarded as the nation's largest conference focusing on diversity in STEM with more than 4,000 student and professional attendees annually. From UOG, 17 students and faculty attended this year.

The University of Guam sent a delegation to the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science National Conference, held in October in San Antonio, Texas.

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

University of Guam biology student Jordan Barcinas, center, won the "Outstanding Research Presentation" award at the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science National Conference for his presentation on jellyfish. Standing with Barcinas are SACNAS past president Dr. Maggie Werner Washburne, left, and SACNAS president Dr. Lino Gonzalez.

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An opportunity for the community to meet with UOG's SACNAS conference attendees and learn about their experience will be held at a special UOG SACNAS Chapter Seminar from 5pm to 6pm today, Nov. 8, in Room 129 of the UOG School of Business and Public Administration. The attendees will also share how others can take advantage of future STEM opportunities.

Travel for the UOG delegation to the SACNAS National Conference was made possible through grants awarded to UOG, including the Guam Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, National Science Foundation's Growing STEM, UOG Sea Grant, UOG School of Nursing and Health Science's Build EXITO program, UOG Professional and International Programs, and the Research Corporation of the University of Guam. ***(UOG)***

Guam airman found dead

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—An airman deployed to Andersen Air Force Base was found unresponsive near Tumon Bay last Tuesday, Nov. 6, at approximately 1:30pm.

The name of the service member will be released in accordance with Department of Defense policy pending 24 hours after next-of-kin notification. The cause of death is under investigation. ***(PR)***

IPI said raising $38M via bond placement

Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd., developer of a casino project on the Pacific island of Saipan, is reportedly seeking to raise 300 million Hong Kong dollars (US$38.3 million) from a bond placement.

A GRRasia.com report yesterday said that the company will use the net proceeds of the exercise—after deducting commissions and other estimated expenses—"for general corporate purposes," it said in a Monday filing with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Imperial Pacific has an exclusive casino license on Saipan—a U.S. jurisdiction. The company began gaming operations on Saipan in July last year. Previously it had been running an interim facility called Best Sunshine Live.

According to Monday's filing, the sole placing agent is a firm called Run Investment Services Ltd. The bonds should be placed "to not less than six" independent third parties, said the Hong Kong-listed firm.

Imperial Pacific was recently given an extension to complete the initial phase of its casino resort by Feb. 28, 2021. The previous deadline had expired on Aug. 31. *(http://www.ggrasia.com)*

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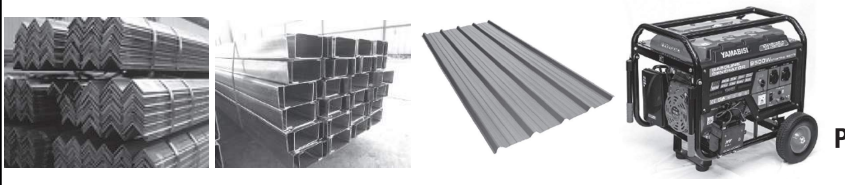

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EDITORIAL

Birthright citizenship isn't lunacy; it's at the heart of America's greatness

President Donald Trump's vow to end birthright citizenship in America by executive order has legal scholars and pundits across the political spectrum—the far-right fringe excluded—warning of executive overreach and a legal fight that will almost certainly rule such a move unconstitutional.

Trump calls birthright citizenship a "crazy, lunatic policy" that encourages illegal immigration and has "created an entire industry of birth tourism." We're well aware that more than 4 million children born in the U.S. reside with at least one undocumented parent, and nearly 700,000 of those are in Texas alone, according to the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute.

Clearly, comprehensive immigration reform is needed, as are more secure borders and more immigration courts to process those seeking asylum and to deport those without legitimate claims. But stoking fears of an "invasion" from south of the border and sending 15,000 troops to "reinforce" the U.S.-Mexico border is not a solution.

Earlier this year the president missed a grand opportunity to trade legal status for young immigrants brought here illegally as children, known as Dreamers, for more border security—including funding for his proposed wall.

Whether Trump is doubling down on his pre-election pledge to end birthright citizenship as a way to rile up his base and get voters to the polls next week, or whether he actually believes it's what's best for America is impossible to say. But one thing is clear, ending birthright citizenship for babies with two unauthorized immigrant parents would, according to the Migration Policy Institute, increase the existing unauthorized population in the U.S. from 11 million to 16 million by 2050.

In any event, we're confident that the birthright provision of the 14th Amendment, which was upheld in 1898 by the Supreme Court, can only be repealed through a constitutional amendment or act of Congress.

Yet it occurs to us that Trump, a businessman with no prior experience in government or public-service record before becoming president, may not fully understand the importance of the 14th Amendment or its place in American history.

In order to form a more perfect union.

Since the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1788, that phrase from the Preamble has defined the goal of each amendment to our nation's founding document, beginning with the Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments), ratified in 1791, which guarantees such fundamental rights as freedom of speech, religion and assembly.

Chief among these was the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery on Dec. 6, 1865, seven months after the last battle of the Civil War and eight months after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Two and a half years later, understanding that a "new birth

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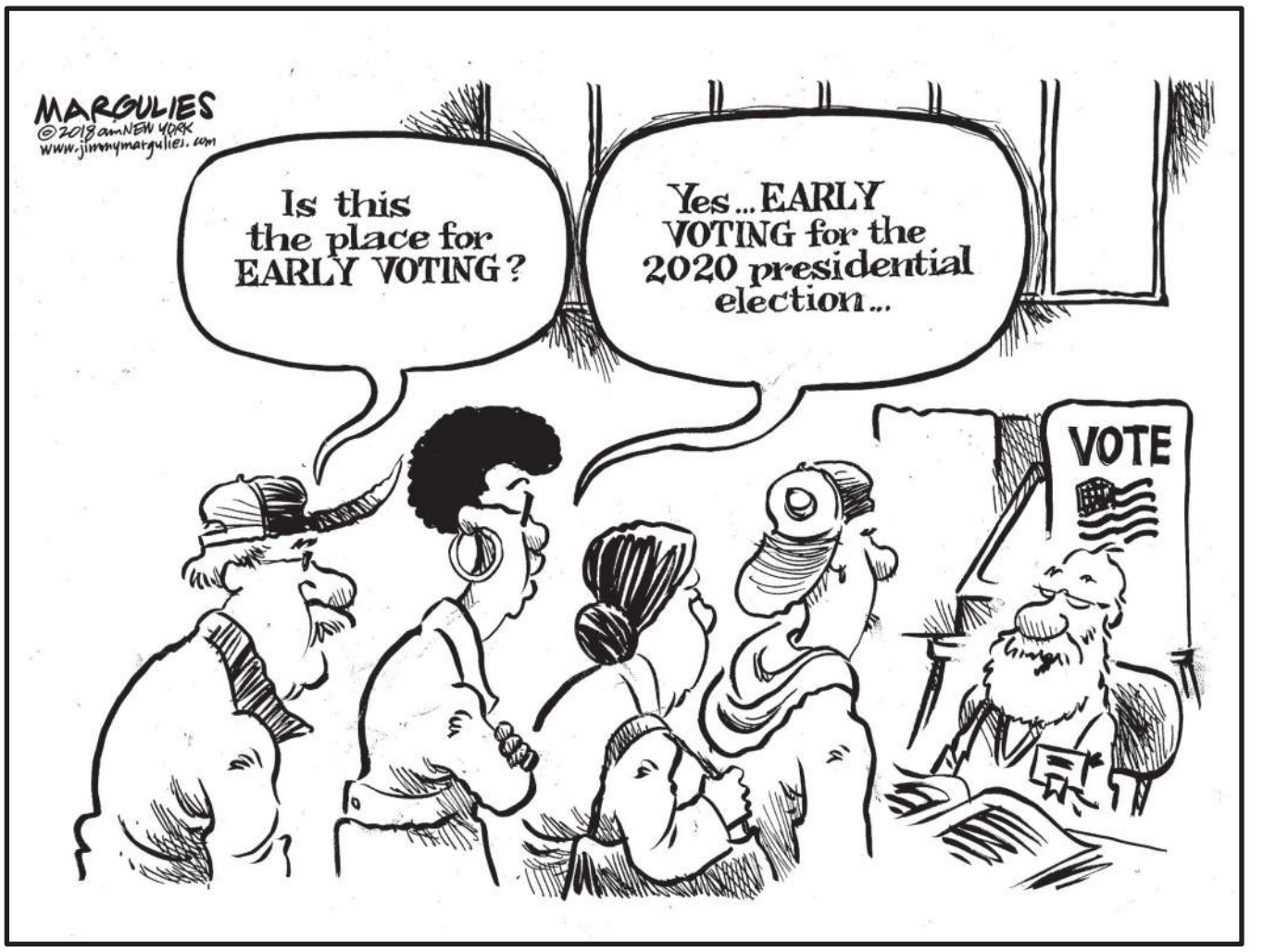

Why I became a US citizen—and why it took so long

By KATHLEEN PAGE
THE BALTIMORE SUN

I became a U.S. citizen in 2012, 10 years after I had become a permanent resident, and 22 after I first arrived in the United States. Today, as President Donald Trump questions what it means to be a citizen, I wonder: Why did it take me so long?

I could have become a citizen much earlier, shortly after I married my husband, an American, in 1998. But at the time, my immediate concern was being able to work, and the green card I got through marriage granted me that option. And, in all honesty, I had no interest in becoming a citizen. I had spent all my childhood and adolescence in South America, and, despite being quite acculturated, I did not feel like I was an American.

In retrospect, this entitled attitude dripped of privilege and historical naivete. I was young, healthy and the beneficiary of an excellent American education that afforded me great job opportunities. Had I been in a more precarious position—for example, in a low-paying job and with children to support or with a chronic medical condition needing health care—I would have probably been more aware of the benefits that come with citizenship.

But I am even more ashamed of my ignorance about the history of citizenship in the U.S. and the struggle that African Americans, Mexican Americans, Chinese Americans and women, to name a few, fought to gain full citizenship—citizenship not only on paper, but in reality. I did not know then about the 1790 Naturalization Act that restricted citizenship to "any alien, being a free white person"; the struggle to pass and enforce the Fourteenth Amendment following the Civil War; the stain to American ideals of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882; and the Expatriation Act of 1907, which stated that women, but not men, who married a non-American lost their U.S. citizenship. I took citizenship lightly and for granted.

There were two things that led me to become a U.S. citizen. The first was wanting to vote. I had not been able to vote in the historic 2008 election, and I did not want to miss my last chance to cast a vote for Barack Obama.

The second was having children in the U.S. In 2012, my boys were 10, 8 and 6 years old, and although I spoke Spanish to them and tried to instill in them a love of my culture and country, it was clear that they were first and foremost American—and I realized that this was a very good thing. In school, they learned (and I with them) about the magnificent ideals of the American Revolution—freedom, equality, opportunity—and I could tell that they felt that they could do anything. They had the optimism of being American.

This was incredible to me. Growing up in Latin America under dictatorships and periods of political instability, and witnessing enormous disparities in wealth, I was a little more cynical—maybe even defeatist—about the possibility of changing anything, especially by those not in power.

I began to discover and deeply admire the "can do" attitude of my American friends. I remember meeting a mother in my children's preschool who was outraged at the lack of early childhood education programs in a poor Baltimore neighborhood and sprightly told me that she was working to establish a new charter school for underserved kids by the next year. "You can do that?" I asked her perplexed. The idea that regular citizens could challenge the system and try to fix the problem blew my mind. This was something I believed in, and I decided I wanted to be an American.

When I heard that President Trump was questioning birthright citizenship on my way to work the other day, then, I had to pull my car over to process my grief, anger and disappointment.

I am fully aware that this country still has a long way to go to fulfill the American ideals of freedom, equality and opportunity, especially for people of color, gender and sexual minorities, the poor and even women. But raising the question of birthright citizenship on the week when two African Americans were murdered in a grocery store, pipe bombs were sent to public figures, an anti-Semitic attack at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh left 11 dead, and thousands of federal troops are being deployed to the southern border to prevent an "invasion" of people fleeing violence and persecution in Honduras, left me grieving not only for the victims of these attacks, but for the hundreds of thousands who gave up their lives for freedom and justice throughout U.S. history and the death of the ideals that make me so proud to be an American.

I am devastated, and I am feeling powerless. But I am also so very thankful that at least I can vote, for myself, the future of my children and the children of all immigrants, and for the rights of those who could not vote on Tuesday.

Dr. Kathleen Page is an associate professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and co-director of Centro SOL. She wrote this for the Baltimore Sun.

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Few Swiss kids go to college, but they find good careers. Could it work here?

By KARIN KLEIN
The Sacramento Bee

Karin Klein is a freelance journalist who has covered education, science and food policy. She wrote this for the Sacramento Bee.

In Switzerland, full-time education is mandatory only through ninth grade, when students are generally 15 years old. Few continue full-time schooling past that point. But before jumping to any conclusions about what sounds like an uneducated nation, consider this:

The vast majority of those students work at part-time apprenticeship jobs in generally well-paid fields. Many of those jobs would require a college degree here. They're paid during their apprenticeship, and continue to attend school part time. By the time they're done with the program, at age 18 or 19, they have a career, usually with the company where they trained.

I've been in email contact lately with several mothers in Switzerland about its apprenticeship system. I've heard about the girl who went into hotel management—a career that would require a college degree in the United States, if not a graduate degree as well. Her education added up to five years—four in part-time training plus part-time schooling and an extra year of training. I learned about the husband who was a bank executive without a college degree for 15 years, and only then went to university because he feared his credentials wouldn't be taken seriously in the United States.

Here, we force kids into required college-prep courses, press teachers to pass them on toward graduation even when they haven't mastered the material, then push colleges to accept and graduate more of them, while California's public colleges and universities are bulging at the seams. We justifiably worry how students will pay for college and where we'll find the money to educate more and more of them for what we think is a requirement for 21st-century jobs. Less than two-thirds of U.S. students at four-year colleges complete their educations within six years. It's a waste of their time and everyone's money.

If there's one thing Donald Trump has been right about when it comes to education, it is that we have woefully undervalued vocational education and the skilled workers it produces. This doesn't mean reverting to old-fashioned shop classes in fields that are rapidly being taken over by robotics and artificial intelligence. It means real training that produces people who can do everything a college grad or someone with an associate's degree could do, and then some. In Switzerland, companies are eager partners; they find the young apprentices well worth the training and small salaries they receive as compensation.

We could interest more students in education, start them on more promising futures and create a workforce able to take on the jobs of the future by considering the Swiss model.

Instead, we use a college degree as a proxy for real ability—and no wonder, with so many high school students graduating without the reading, writing and other skills needed to for real careers.

The Swiss system has its drawbacks. Kids are pressed to make career decisions early on in their lives. Full-time academic high school is open only to those who can pass rigorous entrance examinations, which makes it tough on kids who might be late bloomers. Only about 25 to 30 percent take on this challenge, and the schools are highly rigorous compared with ours. Students who graduate have the equivalent of a year to two of college.

But there's also plenty of built-in flexibility. Teenagers can change their apprenticeships during or after them. There's a pathway for them to try for a university education with a "passarelle" (or bridge) year that catches them up on the courses they need. Susanne Gutzwiller wrote to me about her daughter Cassie who apprenticed to become a doctor's assistant, and now is considering going to university to become a nurse. By the time students reach this point, they have greater maturity and more clarity about their goals, as well as courses and experience in their chosen field; they're much more likely to complete their college studies successfully.

Jennifer Weiss, who moved from the United States to Switzerland, where she is raising two daughters, has seen both systems up close and definitely prefers the second one.

"Frankly, having lived with the U.S. system, and having read about the enormous amounts of debt, coupled often with a less than inspiring job market for many students who graduate from U.S. colleges and universities, I strongly believe that it's time to reexamine the entire American system of education and job placement," Weiss wrote to me. "If one looks back in US history, I am sure that past generations were largely educated by on-the-job training, apprenticeships, mentoring, and when necessary, professional schooling. When did it become a 'necessity' to have a college degree to be eligible for most jobs?"

There are complications in trying to translate the Swiss system to the U.S. This is a more racially diverse nation with an unacceptable history of depriving black and Latino students of college-prep courses and ushering them toward vocational education no matter how great their talents might be. It would take some stiff rules and ongoing oversight to prevent an apprenticeship program from becoming an excuse to do that all over again.

At the same time, we haven't been doing disadvantaged students any favors with inadequate public-school education and graduation to colleges where they lose faith, feel frustrated and end up dropping out, with no degrees or skills to bring to the workplace. Perhaps if we stopped thinking of college education as a cure-all for American students, they'd actually be much better educated.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A call for patience and understanding

The powerful effects of Super Typhoon Yutu are like none other in recent memory. It is impossible to see the most damaged areas without feeling great sadness at the extent of the damage and the hardship visited upon the people who live there.

Our only response must be to bring immediate relief to people by way of providing the essentials, water, food, shelter, power, and the resources to rebuild.

And for that we owe thanks to our neighbors, the cooperation of strangers, and the tireless work of many organizations, including the mayor of Saipan and his crew, who appeared immediately after the storm to clear the main roads so relief operations could begin. Our thanks also goes to the U.S. military who have surveyed our ports and committed the resources needed to replace or repair vital equipment needed to start relief efforts on a large scale and reboot commercial activities that will also support the recovery. Few agencies in the world have the resources and organization to provide relief after a disaster of this kind and we are fortunate to have the support of all the branches of the U.S. military.

Federal Emergency Management Agency generators are being installed at water wells so water can be pumped to homes with some regularity. Huge shipments of poles are on the way along with electrical crews to support our Commonwealth Utilities Corp. employees to begin the long and difficult job of restoring our power grid. FEMA and local officials are working to address temporary housing arrangements with interim, emergency structures to give people shelter against the weather. The American Red Cross and FEMA have begun their assessments, and have distributed emergency rations but the assessments are crucial to rebuilding and that will take time as it requires house-to-house surveys so patience and cooperation is asked of all of us.

Tinian, as the hardworking mayor of Tinian reported recently, is working with his municipal officials alongside federal agencies and the U.S. military to restore services to the people of Tinian. As the mayor of Tinian's recent letter also reminded us, it is important in this recovery period that the public be provided accurate information on which to plan. Rumors and inaccurate information are not helpful to the recovery process. As much as we might wish to rush the good news it is no good if the promises are not met.

Our government officials, the governor and his Cabinet are also working around the clock with our federal agencies to provide relief as quickly as possible. Our congressional representative is working with the governor to ensure that federal agencies can focus badly needed resources on the recovery efforts here in the CNMI. Local businesses have stepped up to provide relief to employees and members of the communities in which they are located.

This is going to be a long process so patience and understanding are needed to speed up the recovery for all. Some local business leaders have said recently, the people of the Commonwealth are strong and resilient.

Our hearts go out to everyone who is suffering from the storm and our thoughts and actions are committed to finding ways to lessen the burden for you.

Juan S. "Santiago" Tenorio
Airport Road, Dandan

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of freedom"—Lincoln's immortal phrase from Gettysburg—was not possible if the sons and daughters of slaves and emigres to America were not awarded the full rights of citizenship, the 14th Amendment was adopted on July 9, 1868.

Intended to prohibit the creation of a permanent class of resident aliens with no devotion to the U.S. or rights of citizenship, the birthright-citizenship provision of the amendment reads: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

Birthright citizenship wasn't then—and is not now—unique to the United States. Based on the common-law doctrine of jus soli, or right of the soil, it is the law of the land in Canada, Mexico, Pakistan and most Central and South American countries. Jus soli is also, granted with restrictions, open to the children of legal foreign residents in France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Spain.

Where the U.S. differs from many European countries is that its application of jus soli is unconditional (except in the case of foreign diplomats) and granted to any child born on American soil, regardless of their parents' legal status. This is in keeping with the Founders' understanding of jus soli but also, to quote Lincoln, their desire to bring forth, "on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Instead of seeing those who seek to join this new nation conceived in liberty as invaders, our 45th president would do well to reflect on the words of our first president, Gen. George Washington, who in 1783 wrote:

"The bosom of America is open to receive not only the Opulent and respectable Stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all Nations And Religions; whom we shall welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges, if by decency and propriety of conduct they appear to merit the enjoyment."

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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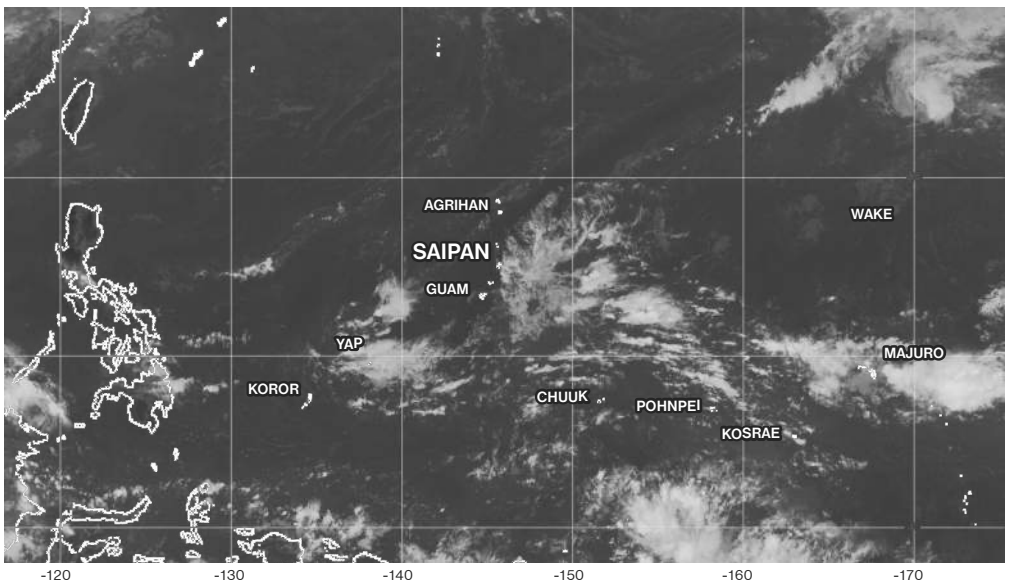
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:02 AM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Model guidance continues to indicate dry air over the region today. This dry air is supposed to inhibit the forward progress of an area of showers and isolated thunderstorms along and slightly east of 150E. These showers are being caused by trade wind convergence and a surface trough. However, moisture increases tonight and rain chances will as well into the day on Thursday. Therefore, the forecast was left unchanged, with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. There is already thunder associated with this system. Beyond Thursday, an abundance of dry air moves in through the weekend and into early next week. Only isolated showers are expected during that time.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Cloudy	68° / 57°
Beijing	Sunny	63° / 30°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	81° / 73°
Honolulu	Showers	84° / 72°
London	Mostly Sunny	55° / 46°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	76° / 58°
Manila	Showers	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	66° / 48°
Miami	Thunderstorms	82° / 77°
New York	Sunny	56° / 44°
Osaka	Rain	72° / 57°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	55° / 39°
Busan	Rain	68° / 55°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	66° / 54°
Salem	Cloudy	68° / 61°
San Francisco	Sunny	69° / 50°
Seoul	Sunny	61° / 43°
Tokyo	Showers	70° / 61°
Washington, DC	Sunny	56° / 45°

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET
1:56 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.16
8:24 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.93
2:12 PM	LOW TIDE	0.85
7:29 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.98

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Monday	6:17 AM	5:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	6:29 AM	6:22 PM	-
Friday	7:23 AM	7:08 PM	-
Saturday	8:17 AM	7:56 PM	-
Sunday	9:10 AM	8:45 PM	-
Monday	10:01 AM	9:34 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

– temporarily suspended

7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:35am	8:25am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

– temporarily suspended

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

– temporarily suspended

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

– temporarily suspended

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

– temporarily suspended

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:15am	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA105/183	6:25pm	9:50pm	2, 4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UA117/159	9:15am	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA105/159	6:25pm	11:00pm	2, 4 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

7C3452	9:35pm	2:00am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	10:05pm	2:00am+1	1

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
PR110/UA174	10:05pm	8:11am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/174	10:30pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

UA116/174	11:45pm	8:11am+1	2, 4, 6 via GUM
UA116/174	11:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 5 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX07	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Adjusted govt hours on Saipan

In consideration of all Saipan government personnel and their families during this ongoing recovery period, all government offices on Saipan will operate under adjusted operational hours starting yesterday, Nov. 7, from 9am to 3pm until further notice.

In a memorandum dated Nov. 6, 2018, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said that government personnel not engaged in first responder activities or emergency relief and recovery efforts "are directed to report for work at this adjusted schedule."

Government office hours for Tinian will continue to be determined at the discretion of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.

Government office hours on Rota will continue to operate on the normal operational hours from 7:30am to 4:30pm.

All non-critical personnel, who cannot make it to work must notify their immediate supervisor and apply for personal leave.

"Thank you for your patience and resiliency, Marianas. The progress of our recovery has been swift, but I want to personally make sure that the needs of every impacted resident will continue to be addressed. Together, we will build a stronger, more resilient Marianas," Torres said in his memorandum. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

'VA will prioritize vets benefit appeals'

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has decided to give priority to benefits appeals claims for veterans impacted by Super Typhoon Yutu, said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

"Any Marianas veteran with an appeal currently pending before the board of veterans' appeals will have their appeal automatically advanced on the board's docket," Sablan said. "Veterans or other persons making an appeal do not need to take any action to get this priority treatment; and it will be in effect until at least May 1, 2019."

In addition to Super Typhoon Yutu survivors, the VA is also giving priority to survivors of hurricanes Florence and Michael in Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia disaster areas.

"Just as it did with hurricanes Florence and Michael, VA's board of veterans' appeals is prioritizing the benefits appeals claims process [for Super Typhoon Yutu] because it is the right thing to do," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie.

Making sure the Marianas gets the same level of federal response as given to states impacted by hurricanes Florence and Michael is a priority for Sablan.

The mission of VA's board of veterans' appeals is to conduct hearings and decide disability benefits appeals for Veterans in a timely manner. ***(PR)***

Kilili congratulates new Guam delegate

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has congratulated Guam's newly elected delegate to the U.S. Congress, Michael San Nicolas of the Democrat Party. San Nicolas won election with 56 percent of the vote.

"With the U.S. House of Representatives looking to have a Democratic majority, Guam voters made a smart decision to send a Democrat to be their voice in Congress," Sablan said. "I look forward to working closely with Michael San Nicolas on regional issues, if the voters of the Northern Marianas elect to return me to Congress as their representative."

With a total of 10 years' experience, Sablan will be the senior member of the caucus representing U.S. insular areas in the 116th Congress. ***(PR)***

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

ADDENDUM NO. 1
DPW19-IFB-002
November 2, 2018

Accessible Improvements for the Ground Floor of the CDA Building. The Secretary of Public Works and the Director of Procurement and Supply wishes to extend the IFB submission date and attachment of Request for Information due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

1. General: The following revisions, additions, corrections, and/or clarifications to the specifications and drawings shall apply to the work affected thereby. Careful note of this Addendum shall be taken by the bidder/contractor, and all trades affected shall be fully advised of the information contained herein. In the event of a conflict between drawings, specifications and this Addendum, the contents of this Addendum shall govern. All further conflicts in the work resulting from, or caused by, the contents of this Addendum must be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer for resolution. Failure to acknowledge this bid Addendum in accordance with instructions may subject your Proposal to rejection on the affected item(s)/service(s).

2. Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW19-IFB-002.**" For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two (2) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m., October 31, 2018 **is changed to read 10:30 a.m., local time, November 14, 2018.**

3. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, October 31, 2018 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net is changed to read 10:30 a.m., local time, November 14, 2018**. For bidders located outside of the CNMI, and original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 31, 2018 **is changed to read no later than November 14, 2018** and may be mailed to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply to P.O. Box 510008 CK, Saipan MP, 96950 and the BID documents must be received no later than November 13, 2018 **is changed to read November 23, 2018.**

4. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan at 10:00 a.m., local time, November 16, 2018 **is changed to read 10:30 a.m., local time, November 26, 2018.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on October 31, 2018 **is changed to read 10:30 a.m., local time, November 14, 2018.**

All other requirements of the Invitation to Bid the project package shall remain as stated.

/s/ James A. Ada
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, P&S

End of Addendum No. 1

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

ADDENDUM NO. 2
DPW18-IFB-025
November 2, 2018

Construction of New Extension for the CNMI Medicaid Office Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The Secretary of Public Works and the Director of Procurement and Supply wishes to extend the IFB submission date and attachment of Request for Information due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

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/s/ James A. Ada
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, P&S

End of Addendum No. 2

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

ADDENDUM NO. 2
DPW18-IFB-024
November 2, 2018

Route 10 Hazard Elimination Project, Rota Project No. CM-NH-0010 (003), the Secretary of Public Works and the Director of Procurement and Supply wishes to extend the IFB submission date and attachment of Request for Information due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

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Business

Closed bank, mothballed planes: Iran mocks US sanctions list

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—The "largest-ever" U.S. sanctions list targeting Iran drew mockery from Iranian officials on Tuesday for including mothballed Boeing 747s, a bank that closed years earlier and a sunken oil tanker that exploded off China months ago.

However, the new list of sanctions, which also aims to cut Iran's vital oil industry off from international sales, also included for the first time its state airline and its atomic energy commission, further highlighting the maximalist approach of President Donald Trump's administration.

Trump pulled America out of the 2015 nuclear deal Iran struck with world powers in May. United Nations monitors say Iran still abides by the deal, in which it agreed to limit its uranium enrichment in return for the lifting of international sanctions.

The U.S. Treasury Department imposed penalties on more than 700 Iranian and Iranian-linked individuals, entities, aircraft and vessels in the new sanctions. Among those are 50 Iranian banks and subsidiaries, and more than 200 people and ships.

However, scattered among the list are surprising entries, like the crude oil tanker Sanchi. That vessel collided with a bulk freighter and caught fire off China's east coast in January, killing all 32 sailors aboard.

Another entry was Iran's Tat Bank, which closed in 2012.

Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif took to Twitter to mock some of the targets of the sanctions, describing it as a "desperate" psychological ploy.

"The U.S. designated a bank that was closed 6 years ago, and a ship that sank . in a widely televised saga," he wrote, ending the tweet with "(hashtag)USisIsolated."

But for the first time, the United States targeted Iran Air. It also sanctioned the state carrier's mothballed fleet of Boeing 747s, which were manufactured in the 1970s.

It also appeared that the U.S., in another first, was directly sanctioning the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, the government agency that oversees Iran's nuclear program. Prior sanctions targeted specific subsidiaries of the organization.

Eshaq Jahangiri, President Hassan Rouhani's senior vice president, also criticized the sanctions.

"Americans think their list is more effective if it is longer," Jahangiri said, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. He said he had discussed the list with other officials, with many saying it was "less than what we expected."

Still, Jahangiri warned that "Americans intend to damage economy of the country" through psychological warfare.

Zarif later issued an online video criticizing America's "indiscriminate assault" on his country.

"The U.S. administration appears to believe that imposing illegal draconian sanctions on Iran will bring about such pain to our nation that it will force us to submit to its will, no matter how absurd, unlawful or fundamentally flawed its demands are."

Zarif urged America to reexamine its "catastrophes" in the Mideast, including its support for Saudi Arabia and Israel.

AP
A drugstore employee pics medicine from shelf in downtown Tehran, Iran, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018.

Iran is already in the grip of an economic crisis. Its national currency, the rial, now trades at 150,000 to one U.S. dollar; a year ago, it was about 40,500. The economic chaos sparked mass anti-government protests at the end of last year, resulting in nearly 5,000 reported arrests and at least 25 people being killed.

Sporadic smaller demonstrations still reportedly erupt from time to time.

The new sanctions particularly hurt Iran's vital oil industry, which provides a crucial source of hard currency. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the sanctions already had cost Iran the sale of over 1 million barrels of crude oil a day.

Amazon considers New York, Virginia amid reports of HQ split

NEW YORK (AP)—After a yearlong search for a second home, Amazon is now reportedly looking to build offices in two cities instead of one, a surprise move that could still have a major impact on the communities it ultimately selects.

New York's Long Island City as well as Crystal City in northern Virginia have emerged as the front runners, according to sources familiar with the talks with Amazon.

Selecting those areas would bring more jobs to places that already have plenty. Jed Kolko, the chief economist at job site Indeed, said that choosing New York and the D.C. area would "be a much less radical move than many imagined" and another example of "rich places getting richer."

The company had originally promised to bring 50,000 new high-paying jobs to one location, which founder and CEO Jeff Bezos said would be "a full equal" to its Seattle home base. Amazon may now split those jobs equally between two locations, The Wall Street Journal reported, with each getting 25,000.

That would beg the question of whether the new locations would be headquarters at all. Kolko said a headquarters is "where the decision makers are," but it's unclear where Amazon's executives—such as Bezos—would spend much of their time. If Amazon decides to split the 50,000 workers in two places, each of those offices would be smaller than Seattle's, which has more than 40,000 employees.

Virginia officials and some state lawmakers were recently briefed by the head of the state's economic development office that Amazon was considering splitting up its second headquarters, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Officials in Virginia believe there's a strong likelihood Amazon will pick Crystal City as one of its sites, but the company has not said anything definitive, according to the person, who was not authorized to speak on the record.

"They're a real secretive company," the person said.

One of the other areas the online retail giant is considering is Long Island City, according to a source familiar with the talks. Across the East River from midtown Manhattan, Long Island City is a longtime industrial and transportation hub that has become a fast-growing neighborhood of riverfront high-rises and redeveloped warehouses, with an enduring industrial foothold and burgeoning arts and tech scenes.

Amazon has been tight-lipped about the process and declined to comment on the latest news. There's been intense competition to win over the company, with some throwing around billions of dollars in tax incentives. Amazon kicked off its hunt for a second headquarters in September 2017, initially receiving 238 proposals before narrowing the list to 20 in January.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo met two weeks ago with Amazon officials in his New York City offices, according to the source, who was not authorized to discuss the negotiations and spoke on condition of anonymity. Cuomo offered to travel to Amazon's Seattle hometown to continue talks, the source said.

On Tuesday, Cuomo told reporters that Amazon is looking at Long Island City, but didn't say if it was a finalist. He said winning over Amazon would give an economic boost to the entire state, and joked that he was willing to change his name to "Amazon Cuomo" to lure the company.

Facebook admits not doing enough to prevent Myanmar violence

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook is admitting that it didn't do enough to prevent its services from being used to incite violence and spread hate in Myanmar.

The company "can and should do more" to protect human rights and ensure it isn't used to foment division and spread offline violence in the country, Alex Warofka, a product policy manager, said in a blog post.

Facebook commissioned the nonprofit Business for Social Responsibility to study the company's role in Myanmar and released the group's 62-page report late Monday.

It has come under heavy criticism for permitting itself to be used to inflame ethnic and religious conflict in the country, particularly against minority Rohingya Muslims. The report confirms this and offers recommendations, including preparing for "massive chaos and manipulation" in the country's 2020 parliamentary elections.

"Facebook has become a means for those seeking to spread hate and cause harm, and posts have been linked to offline violence," the report says. "A minority of users is seeking to use Facebook as a platform to undermine democracy and incite offline violence, including serious crimes under international law."

The Myanmar report comes as Facebook and other social media companies face a trove of problems in dealing with people, groups and nations intent on using their services for malicious reasons, whether that's inciting violence, spreading hate messages, propaganda and misinformation or meddling with elections around the world.

Facebook is focused on rooting out misinformation in the U.S., but it's also dealing with people using its platforms to incite violence in Sri Lanka, India and elsewhere. Late Monday, Facebook said it shut down 30 Facebook accounts and 85 Instagram accounts for suspected "coordinated inauthentic behavior" linked to foreign groups attempting to interfere in Tuesday's U.S. midterm elections.

Facebook and smartphones entered Myanmar quickly, and the report notes that this has led to a "steep learning curve for users, policymakers, and civil society." The report notes that Facebook "is the internet" for many in Myanmar and that it has played an important role in supporting freedom of expression and helping activists organize.

At the same time, the report said, hate and harassment is leading to self-censorship among "vulnerable groups such as political activists, human rights defenders, women, and minorities."

Nation

AP
President Donald Trump looks to the cheering crowd as he arrives to speak at a rally at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Trump frames midterms as 'TREMENDOUS SUCCESS'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Staring down the potential loss of one-party control in Washington, President Donald Trump declared Tuesday's election results a "tremendous success" for Republicans as his party maintained its hold on the Senate while Democrats picked up GOP-held seats in the House.

Trump waited until late in the night to weigh in on the midterm vote, tweeting a succinct message that overlooked expected Democratic gains in the House, writing: "Tremendous success tonight. Thank you to all!"

With results still coming in, Republicans had a chance to increase their majority in the Senate. Democrats were gaining speed in their quest for the House, which would give them the ability to launch investigations into the president and stymie his agenda.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders minimized likely Democratic gains.

"Maybe you get a ripple, but I certainly don't think that there's a blue wave," she told reporters, pointing to several early Republican wins.

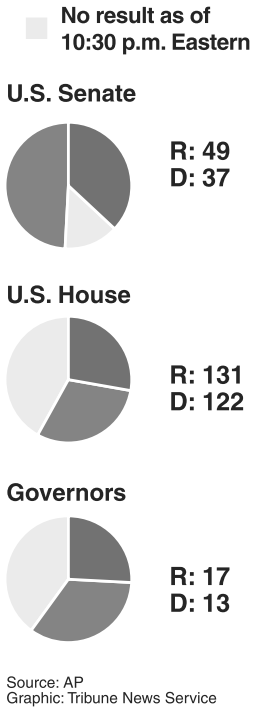
As for Republicans retaining control of the Senate, she called it "a huge moment and victory for the president."

The White House has been stressing the historical headwinds it faced: In the last three decades, 2002 was the only midterm election when the party holding the White House gained Senate seats. And only twice in the past eight decades has the president's party picked up House seats in the midterms.

Trump spent election night watching returns with family and friends at the White House, his shadow looming large over the results.

Nearly 40 percent of voters cast their ballots to express opposition to the president, according to AP VoteCast, a national survey of the electorate, while about 25 percent said they voted to express support for Trump.

Opposition to Trump proved to be more a motivating factor for Democrats than support for the president a factor for Republicans. Still, Republican voters tended to be overwhelmingly supportive of the president.



Faced with the possibility of keeping the Senate but losing the House, aides in recent days had laid out the political reality to Trump, who could face an onslaught of Democratic-run investigations. In turn, Trump began trying out defensive arguments ahead of Election Day, noting that midterm losses are typical for the party in the White House, pointing out a high number of GOP retirements and stressing that he had kept his focus on the Senate.

Aides set up televisions in the White House residence for Trump, first lady Melania Trump and their guests to watch election results come in, with the sets tuned to different cable news channels. Among those expected were Trump's adult children, White House aides, Republican officials and presidential friends.

The election served as a referendum of sorts on Trump's racially charged appeals and the strength of the coalition that powered him to the White House — a group he will need again in just two years.

Sanders said candidates who welcomed Trump did better at the polls.

"Most of the candidates that the president actually went in and campaigned for and who embrace the president are doing well tonight," she said.

Overall, more voters disapproved of Trump's job performance than approved — a finding that is largely consistent with recent polling. Voters scored Trump positively on the economy and for standing up "for what he believes in." But the president received negative marks from voters on temperament and trustworthiness.

Still, about one-third of voters said Trump was not a factor in their votes.

Trump's scorched-earth campaigning came to define the 2018 campaign. In the final days, he sought to motivate supporters with the battle over the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh — at one point mocking a woman who claimed the judge had sexually assaulted her when they were in high school.

Ahead of the election, both parties claimed that the emotionally charged debate over Kavanaugh's confirmation would motivate their supporters to turn out. According to VoteCast, half of voters said the tumultuous process was very important to their vote and they broke for the Democratic House candidate.

Returning to his immigration-heavy 2016 playbook, Trump went on to unleash his full fury on a caravan of migrants slowly making their way to the southern border. His take-no-prisoners approach troubled many Republicans seeking to appeal to moderate voters in suburban House districts, but Trump prioritized base voters in the deep-red states that could determine the fate of the Senate. At times he even appeared at odds with his own campaign, which in the election's final days released a gauzy ad aimed at suburban women.

GOP, Democrats splitting governor's races

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Democrats tried Tuesday to fight their way back to power in state capitols across the country by reclaiming governor's seats in key Midwest states, major steps in their nationwide strategy to reverse years of Republican gains in state capitols.

Still, their early victories in Kansas, Illinois and Michigan were balanced by Republicans holding on to one of the top prizes, Florida, and the governor's offices in Ohio and Arizona. All three states will figure prominently in the presidential map in two years.

The other most closely watched governor's race, in Georgia, remained too close to call Tuesday night.

In Michigan, Democrat Gretchen Whitmer defeated Republican Bill Schuette, upending years of Republican control in the state. The former legislative leader will become the second female governor in a state where Democrats heavily targeted other statewide and legislative offices.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner in Illinois lost his bid for a second term to Democrat J.B. Pritzker. The billionaire appears to have capitalized not only on Rauner's lack of popularity but broader dissatisfaction with President Donald Trump. And in Kansas, Democratic state lawmaker Laura Kelly defeated Republican Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a close ally of Trump.

New Mexico also tipped into the Democratic column, with voters choosing Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham to succeed two-term Republican Gov. Susana Martinez. The campaign had been defined by conflicts over struggling public schools and high poverty rates.

Democrats Andrew Cuomo in New York and Tom Wolf in Pennsylvania easily won reelection, as did two Republicans in Democratic-leaning states — Larry Hogan in Maryland and Charlie Baker in Massachusetts.

In all, voters were choosing 36 governors and 6,089 state legislators in general and special elections that have attracted record amounts of spending from national Democratic and Republican groups.

Republicans are in control more often than not in state capitols across the country, but Democrats were trying to pull a little closer in Tuesday's elections.

Democrats were hoping enthusiasm among their voters also could flip the governor's seat in Iowa, as well as in traditional battleground states Nevada and Wisconsin.

Asia

China dismisses criticism about mass detentions at UN

Chinese Vice-Foreign Affairs Minister Le Yucheng arrives for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of China by Human Rights Council, at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. AP

GENEVA (AP)—China on Tuesday once again rejected criticism of its treatment of ethnic Muslims, telling the United Nations that accusations of rights abuses from some countries were "politically driven."

At a U.N. review of the country's human rights record, China characterized the far west region of Xinjiang as a former hotbed of extremism that has been stabilized through "training centers" which help people gain employable skills.

Former detainees of such centers, on the other hand, have described the facilities as political indoctrination camps where ethnic Uighurs, Kazakhs and other Muslim minorities are forced to renounce their faith and swear loyalty to the ruling Communist Party.

The U.N. has previously said there are credible reports that as many as 1 million people are being held in this form of extrajudicial detention.

At Tuesday's review—part of the Human Rights Council's periodic review process for every member state—the U.S., Canada, Japan and several other countries called on Beijing to address growing concerns over its treatment of Xinjiang Muslims.

U.S. charge d'affaires Mark Cassayre urged China to "immediately release the hundreds of thousands, possibly millions, of individuals" arbitrarily detained in the region. Representatives from both Canada and the U.K. said the country's human rights situation has "deteriorated."

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng dismissed the censures.

"We will not accept the politically-driven accusations from a few countries that are fraught with biases," Le said.

Yasim Sadiq, the Uighur mayor of Xinjiang's capital of Urumqi, told the session in Geneva that current policies are in line with the people's wishes. He repeated China's frequently cited claim that no terrorist attacks have occurred in the region for 21 months, and that "trainees" who were previously "controlled by extremist ideology" have since immersed themselves in cultural and athletic activities at the centers.

Sadiq said visitors are always welcome in Xinjiang, but he did not address requests from several countries to allow independent UN observers inside the region.

In recent years, Xinjiang has been outfitted with a high-tech security network , making police checkpoints and surveillance cameras ubiquitous throughout the region.

Human Rights Watch said the U.N. review showed the contrast between Beijing's view of its human rights records and "the grim realities."

"China's efforts to whitewash its record have failed to convince a growing number of states who recognize China's deliberate and systemic abuses, and suppression of dissenting voices, can no longer be ignored," John Fisher, the organization's Geneva director, said in an emailed statement.

About 500 people, including ethnic Uighurs but also pro-Tibet demonstrators, marched through Geneva before holding a boisterous, colorful rally at Geneva's landmark three-legged chair outside the U.N. offices.

Chanting "Shame on China" and accusing its government of tyranny and "terrorist" repression, the demonstrators waved light-blue flags representing East Turkistan—some Uighurs' preferred name for Xinjiang—and held aloft photos of loved ones who have gone missing or were taken into custody by Chinese authorities.

Dolkun Isa, president of the World Uyghur Congress, said nearly all the Uighurs who live in exile have lost contact with family members in China.

"That's why we are here gathering—to protest the Chinese government's brutal crackdown against East Turkestan, Uighur people, Tibetan people," he said in an interview.

Isa called on the U.N. to take "concrete action" to hold the Chinese government accountable.

Muslim concern about vaccine fuels Thai measles outbreak

BANGKOK (AP)—Health authorities in Thailand are racing to contain a measles outbreak in the country's southern provinces, where 14 deaths and more than 1,500 cases have been reported since September.

Officials blame the comeback of the disease on low vaccination rates in the south caused by misconceptions among the Muslim population about the nature of the vaccine.

Islam prohibits the consumption of pork, and vaccine makers sometimes use gelatin derived from pork products as a stabilizing agent. However, health official Vicharn Pawan said Thailand imports measles vaccine products that do not contain porcine gelatin.

The recent cases in Buddhist-dominated Thailand's Muslim-majority southern provinces represent half the total for the whole country since the beginning of the year.

Measles cases nationwide have increased in recent years, Thailand's Health Ministry said. Last year, nearly 3,000 cases—with no deaths—were reported, compared to just over 1,000 in 2012. According to the U.N.'s World Health Organization, this year Japan and Brazil have also reported measles outbreaks, while Europe experienced a surge in 2017 with more than 20,000 cases and 35 deaths.

"Increasingly, there is a lot of misunderstanding about vaccinations that spread around Muslim communities here. Some said it is against their religion to receive vaccine shots, while others think it's not safe," said Anchanee Heemmina, a rights activist who lives in an affected area in the south.

The Indonesian Ulema Council, the religious body governing the world's largest Muslim population, had to deal with the same problem earlier this year when some local Muslim groups declared their opposition to the vaccine. It ruled that Muslims were allowed to use such vaccines out of necessity until other options were available. Its statement came after a measles outbreak in Indonesia's eastern province of Papua was believed responsible for the deaths of as many as 100 children.

The Indonesian controversy may be responsible for the concerns among Muslims in Thailand and other countries.

According to the Thai Health Ministry's Prevention and Control office, the misunderstandings about vaccinations have resulted in some areas in which only 60 percent of the population receives immunizations.

For highly contagious diseases such as measles, the World Health Organization says at least 95 percent of the population must be vaccinated for a community to be considered immune to the spread of the disease.

Health authorities in Thailand have posted messages from local religious leaders on their websites urging people to accept vaccinations.

ASIA BRIEFS

UN expert warns of 'rushed plans' to repatriate Rohingya

GENEVA (AP)—An independent U.N. human rights expert is urging a halt to "rushed plans" to repatriate some Rohingya refugees to Myanmar. Special rapporteur on Myanmar Yanghee Lee said a lack of guarantees the refugees wouldn't face new persecution if they returned home was concerning. Lee cited "credible information" that some refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh fear their names turning up on a list of thousands of people who could be repatriated. Hundreds of Rohingya in Bangladesh refugee camps could start going back to Myanmar next week under a deal the countries struck last year. The U.N. insists the returns must be voluntary. Lee has repeatedly said conditions aren't ripe for safe repatriation. Critics say Myanmar's military raped, murdered and tortured Rohingya and burned their villages, sending over 700,000 fleeing to Bangladesh since August 2017.

China to overtake France as top travel destination by 2030

LONDON (AP)—China is set to overtake France as the world's number one tourist destination by 2030 as a growing middle class in Asia looks to spend more on travel, according to experts at market research group Euromonitor International. In a report published Tuesday at an industry conference in London, Euromonitor said it is predicting there will be 1.4 billion trips made in 2018, up 5 percent from last year. Stronger growth in many major economies mean industry receipts will rise by an estimated 11 percent. By 2030, international arrivals are expected to have risen by another billion, corresponding to around $2.6 trillion in receipts. China is expected to have overtaken France by then to become the world's number one destination. Much of the sustained boom in travel and tourism, which has outpaced growth in the global economy for eight years, is centered in the Asia-Pacific region, where trips are expected to grow by 10 percent this year. The region has benefited from rapidly growing economies as well as an expanding middle class that seeks to spend disposable income on leisure.

Pompeo to meet with NK counterpart Thursday in New York

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will be traveling to New York on Thursday to meet with his North Korean counterpart, Kim Yong Chol. The State Department says the top U.S. envoy for North Korea, Stephen Biegun, will join Pompeo and Kim to discuss efforts toward what it calls "achieving the final, fully verified denuclearization" of North Korea. Over the weekend, North Korea criticized the U.S. for its continued support of sanctions and hinted it may resume nuclear development. Pyongyang accused Washington of derailing commitments made by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump at their June summit in Singapore. The State Department says Pompeo and Kim will discuss "all four pillars of the Singapore Summit joint statement," including denuclearization.

World

Migrants weigh whether to stay in Mexico, resume trek to US

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Thousands of Central American migrants will take at least a couple of days to rest in a Mexico City stadium as they debate whether to accept offers to stay in Mexico or continue their trek to the U.S. border.

Humanitarian aid stepped up Tuesday for the roughly 4,500 Central American migrants gathered at the Jesus Martinez stadium after an arduous journey that has taken them through three countries in three weeks. Mexico City officials said they are bracing as many as 5,500 migrants at the sports complex as more trickle in.

Members of the caravans of migrants, which President Donald Trump made a central issue in U.S. midterm elections, declined to take an immediate decision Tuesday night on whether to definitively stay in Mexico or continue north, opting to remain in the capital at least a couple more days.

Central American migrants rest at the Jesus Martinez stadium in Mexico City, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. AP

"Nobody is in more of a hurry than me to get going (to the U.S. border), but we have to go all together," said Sara Rodriguez of Colon, Honduras. Rodriguez, 34, fled her country with her 16-year-old daughter Emily, after the girl began to draw unwanted attention from a drug trafficker.

Mexico is offering refugee, asylum or work visas to the migrants. The government said 2,697 temporary visas had been issued to individuals and families to cover them while they waited for the 45-day application process for a more permanent status.

Rina Valenzuela, who is from El Salvdor, listened attentively to aid workers from the nonprofit Institute for Women in Migration as they explained the difficulties of applying for and securing asylum in the U.S. Valenzuela decided she would better off applying for refuge in Mexico.

"Why go fight there, with as much effort and as much suffering as we have gone through, just for them to turn me back? Well, no," she said.

Meanwhile, hundreds of city employees and even more volunteers were on hand Tuesday to sort donations and direct migrants toward food, water, diapers and other basics. Migrants searched through piles of donated clothes, grabbed boxes of milk for children and lined up to make quick calls home at a stand set up by the Red Cross.

Employees from the capital's human rights commission registered new arrivals with biographical data— such as age and country of origin— and placed yellow bracelets on wrists to keep count.

The atmosphere at the stadium in Mexico City was more institutional and organized than what migrants encountered on the road, where townspeople pushed bags of drinking water, tacos and fruit into their hands as they passed through tiny hamlets in southern Mexico.

But there were signs that the stadium was already nearing its capacity to hold 6,000 people.

Maria Yesenia Perez, 41, said there was no space in the stadium when she and her 8-year-old daughter arrived during the night, so the two from Honduras slept on the grass outside. Migrants pitched tents in the parking lot and constructed makeshift shelters from plywood covered with blankets and tarps. Forty portable toilets were scattered across the grass.

The stadium's enclosed space and government intervention makes it difficult for aid workers to reach the migrants, said Nancy Rojas, an Oxfam charity worker who has accompanied the migrants for weeks.

Four big tents have been set up for women and children to sleep under with thin mattresses and blankets, while men were relegated Monday night to concrete bleachers. Temperatures dropped below 52 degrees Fahrenheit (11 Celsius) during the night in a city some 7,300 feet (2,240 meters) above sea level and still hundreds of miles from the U.S. border.

Several smaller groups were trailing hundreds of miles to the south. Mexico City Mayor Ramon Amieva said the city needs to "reinforce" to meet the needs of the migrants, especially vulnerable children and pregnant women.

Mexico City's central market supplied 3.5 tons of bananas and guavas to refuel the crowd, plus 600 bottles of water. The human rights commission said it planned to set up more tents and eating areas.

Many of the migrants sought treatment for blistered and aching feet, respiratory infections, diarrhea and other maladies.

Trump has seized on the caravan as an election issue and portrayed it as a major threat, though such caravans have sprung up regularly over the years and largely passed unnoticed.

He ordered thousands of troops to the U.S.-Mexico border, vowed to detain asylum seekers in tents cities and insinuated without proof that there are criminals or even terrorists in the group.

In dozens of interviews since the initial caravan set out from Honduras more than three weeks ago, migrants have said they are escaping poverty and rampant violence. Many are families traveling with small children. Some say they left because they were threatened by gang members or had lost relatives to gang violence. Others say they hope to find work and send money to support relatives back home.

Organizers are urging members of the caravan already in Mexico City to await the arrival of stragglers and perhaps even the other caravans further back. The idea is to find strength in numbers. The outpouring of support for the caravan that first set out from Honduras on Oct. 13 has inspired thousands of others to march north from Central America.

Yemeni rebels say they halted Saudi-led forces at port city

CAIRO (AP)—Yemen's rebels claim they halted advances of their adversaries, the U.S.-backed, Saudi-led Arab coalition, at a key battlefield around a strategic Red Sea port city.

Fighting continued around Hodeida on Tuesday despite the statement from the Shiite rebels, also known as Houthis, that a three-pronged coalition assault had been stopped around the city's outskirts.

The Iran-backed Houthis said they lost at least 30 men and a dozen armored vehicles.

Dozens of fighters have been killed and hundreds wounded from both sides since a renewed coalition offensive on the city began five days ago, following calls by the Trump administration for a cease-fire by late November.

The fighting has left dead bodies lying on the ground and inside burnt-out vehicles at the city's edge, according to witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing for their safety. The witnesses also said several civilians have been killed by shelling in residential areas.

Local media reported that air raids by the Saudi-led coalition were continuing, as was sporadic fighting around Hodeida, especially along 50th street and the 7th of July neighborhoods in the east.

Other active fronts in Yemen include the provinces of Dhale and Bayda, to the south, and in the north in Hajjah and Saada, a Houthi stronghold.

The Houthi statement also claimed the rebels stopped an attempted incursion by "mercenaries of the Saudi army," into Yemen from Jizan, a region across the border in Saudi Arabia.

Earlier on Tuesday, the rebels detained two journalists in the capital, Sanaa, colleagues said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals. One man was taken from his production company's office, and another from his home, and both worked with foreign television news channels.

The rebels detained another journalist in Sanaa earlier this month, and have held other over the course of the war, some for years.

Meanwhile, the Norwegian Refugee Council said millions of Yemenis are edging closer to famine and fatal disease as the Saudi-led coalition's blockade on sea, land and air routes in the Arab world's poorest country continued.

Right up to Armistice Day, US clout in WWI kept increasing

ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONTFAUCON, France (AP)—On the final morning of World War I, U.S. Gen. John J. Pershing was not eager to stop fighting. After all, if one nation had momentum after the first global war's four years of unprecedented slaughter, it was the United States.

U.S. troops would push forward on several fronts in France until the minute a cease-fire took effect at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, six hours after it was negotiated. With more time, the Americans might even have entered Germany soon after, establishing themselves as the world's ascendant military power.

VIDEO: Watch footage from the AP archives of the U.S. military contribution in World War I.

When Pvt. Jose De La Luz Saenz was awoken along the front lines of the Meuse-Argonne offensive in northeastern France on Nov. 11, 1918, the pre-dawn instructions were not only about sealing the imminent cease-fire.

"The orders called for continuing the artillery fire with the same intensity until eleven in the morning," Saenz noted in his published diary.

And despite the promise of the armistice, "the day seemed like all others because the artillery duel appeared to be continuing with even greater intensity," he wrote.

In addition to military reasons, there was also a political point to be made, said Nicolas Czubak, a French military historian specializing in northeastern France, where U.S. troops fought.

"For the Americans, it really is to show that they have played as important a role in victory as the other armies," Czubak said.

After the United States declared war on Germany in April 1917, its standing army of 127,500 became an armed force of 2 million within 1½ years. On Nov. 11, 1918, allies like Britain and France were exhausted, Germany was as good as defeated and Pershing had another 2 million troops ready to come over.

"If war had continued into 1919, the No. 1 army in the world fighting at the front would have been the U.S. Army—without a doubt," Czubak said. "It is also why he wanted to continue even after Nov. 11."

Near the place where Saenz heard bombshells explode a century ago now stands the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery at the French town of Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. American soldiers who died on that armistice day—100 of them—are buried there along with 14,146 fellow U.S. troops. The cemetery holds the largest number of U.S. military dead in Europe.

By the time World War I ended, Americans had been in enough battles that they were interred in a half-dozen cemeteries dotted across northern France. In a war where the dead would be counted in millions—1.4 million for France, 1.1 million for British imperial forces—the United States had 126,000 dead to mourn.

Environment

Facing climate change, cities trade sea walls for parks

By REBECCA BEITSCH
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WASHINGTON—To protect itself from a devastating flood, Boston was considering building a massive sea wall, cutting north to south through nearly four miles of Boston Harbor, taking $11 billion and at least 30 years to build. But a new plan unveiled in October represents a 180-degree turn: Instead of fighting to keep the water out, the city is letting it come in.

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh, a Democrat, announced the city would be scrapping the idea of a sea wall in favor of, among other things, a system of waterfront parks and elevation of some flood-prone areas. The city will add 67 new acres of green space along the water and restore 122 tidal acres.

The idea is to give people access to the shoreline when the weather is nice, but when the parks get flooded — well, it's not that big of a deal.

As climate change forces cities to grapple with rising sea levels and increasingly powerful storms, coastal cities must prepare for a heightened likelihood of flooding, whether tidal flooding from rising sea levels or a hurricane that could dump inches of rain in a short period of time.

For the last hundred years, protecting neighborhoods has often meant relying on sea walls — large, concrete barriers designed to withstand strong waves and rising waters. Beyond not being particularly attractive, they are expensive, can cause erosion and harm marine life.

City planners now say they are increasingly turning to methods aligned with the Dutch concept of "living with water." Instead of resisting water, cities are channeling it to where they want it to go. Boston's reimagined waterfront would be designed to handle at least 21 inches of sea level rise, which the city anticipates by 2050.

"Besides taking decades to complete, a barrier would bring its own set of serious ecological issues," Walsh recently told a crowd at the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. "Shoreline projects are more feasible and more effective ways to increase our city's resilience. … This is our vision of a resilient Boston. It's a system not of barricades but of beaches — and parks and trails and open spaces."

To be sure, cities on coasts from Florida to Hawaii are continuing to repair sea walls and build new ones as climate disasters loom. In areas that have long been heavily reliant on such walls, it can be difficult to change course, particularly when industry relies on being able to navigate nearby waters.

But planners are working to incorporate strategies called "soft solutions" in contrast to harder infrastructure like sea walls. Similar projects are being planned across the Hampton Roads area in Virginia, home to Norfolk and Virginia Beach, which is one of the nation's most at-risk areas for flooding. Tide gauges there show the water level is 14 inches higher than it was in 1930.

Downtown Norfolk is protected by a sea wall that was built in the 1960s for $5 million but now protects about $800 million worth of infrastructure. The Army Corps of Engineers and the city are assessing plans to replace or reinforce that wall. The city also is developing plans for a series of parks and wetlands in other portions of the city.

"It's a new movement," said Michelle Covi, an assistant professor of ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences at Old Dominion University, in Norfolk, who helped develop plans in the Hampton Roads area. "Even in the Army Corps of Engineers, they've accepted this as a way to protect valuable infrastructure but also allow us to have a connection with the water."

Kyle Spencer, the deputy resilience officer for Norfolk, said the city hopes to create more parks outside its urban core that are protected with earthen berms that can be raised by adding dirt and can serve as walking and bike paths along the water. Wetlands can be created to help protect those berms, and the city plans to also set up oyster colonies to help keep the water clean and protect the vegetation behind them.

In Boston, the city proposes elevating areas along 47 miles of shoreline, such as Charlestown's Main Street and downtown's Harborwalk. The city also distributed drawings showing berms and terraced walls leading down to the waterfront.

The city's shift away from a big sea wall was sparked in large part by research at the Sustainable Solutions Lab at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. The aptly named "Feasibility of Harborwide Barrier Systems" report laid out the time and expense of a wall — along with a host of navigational and environmental issues.

"We found that, dollar for dollar, we could have the same amount of protection for much less cost, and in doing so also invest in our neighborhoods and have more green space," said Rebecca Herst, director of the lab. She described the parks as a twin solution — those along the shore can rebound quickly if flooded, while further inland, having less concrete and more permeable surfaces can help absorb water.

Such solutions may be far cheaper than sea walls, but they still will be expensive.

Walsh said the city will devote 10 percent of its capital budget to climate change projects, about $16 million a year. The consensus among supporters of the plan is that it won't be enough. The city also is seeking federal money and is in the early stages of determining the private sector's role.

Walsh made the announcement at a chamber of commerce meeting, because he wants to bring the business community on board.

While local environmental groups lauded the plan, the Charles River Watershed Association said it didn't go far enough, and that developers should face stronger building requirements and even restrictions on where they can build.

Sea walls still may be necessary in some circumstances.

The Army Corps of Engineers recently unveiled options for protecting New York Harbor from flooding and storms like Hurricane Sandy, which caused massive damage in 2012. One of the proposals calls for a 5-mile sea wall from Sandy Hook in New Jersey to Breezy Point in New York.

The scope of that sea wall would be far beyond anything either state has evaluated previously, and the proposal would include smaller barriers and levees to help connect the system that would run the length of the outer harbor.

Alternatives include a smaller series of inner harbor gates or six small barriers with lots of levies. One option proposes no barriers, just nature-based solutions along the shorelines.

Some environmentalists and officials who help areas prepare for climate change have already expressed concern about the early proposals. The Natural Resources Defense Council said offshore storm surge barriers would "strangle the life" out of the area's waterways.

Beth Gibbons, executive director of the American Society of Adaptation Professionals, said cities in the region have turned to greener solutions after Hurricane Sandy, and pointed to Governor's Island which, remodeled to include a larger park, will return to its geological purpose as a barrier island. She cautioned that adding a sea wall, while protective in some areas, could lead to problems in others.

"When you put up a sea wall, there's an end," she said. "We've seen time and again that water will find its path. If you put up a sea wall, you will likely be making choices about who is protected and who is not. You're picking winners and losers, and that has to be done with a lot of care."

Once a sea wall is in place, it can be difficult to pursue other options.

"It's part of our legacy," said James Murley, the chief resilience officer for Miami-Dade County. Canals with cement walls weren't viewed as drainage but as an amenity to connect homeowners to waterfront recreation.

Across South Florida, local governments are looking to maintain existing sea walls while expanding green infrastructure where it makes sense. Other cities are making similar calculations.

Hawaii recently approved a new sea wall on Maui for the first time in almost a decade. Oceanfront condo owners whose property would be protected supported the wall, while environmentalists sued to stop it. Elsewhere in the state, the government will be paying to repair crumbling sea walls.

The state initially fought having to take over the costs of fixing a wall near Honolulu, but Hawaii's Supreme Court ruled the government would be responsible because the wall has become a beach access point. The legislature will still be responsible for doling out funds to repair sea walls.

In Norfolk, Spencer said the city is debating whether to add height to its existing sea wall or replace it. City officials in San Francisco will ask voters to approve a $425 million bond issue to upgrade its hundred-year-old sea wall. But the city also has some projects in the works to protect shorelines, such as planting oyster and eelgrass beds at least 150 meters offshore.

Skip Stiles, director of Norfolk-based Wetlands Watch, which promotes nature-based solutions to sea level rise, said the city is too developed and too dependent on Navy activities to abandon sea walls in favor of greener solutions.

"Some places are going to need a big structure," he said. "The end of a naval airstrip is going to need a big structure. You can't tie a tanker to a wetland."

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Life & Style

Idris Elba is *People*'s Sexiest Man Alive in 2018

LOS ANGELES (AP)—People magazine has named Idris Elba as 2018's Sexiest Man Alive, and the British actor says the honor has given him a boost of self-confidence.

Elba, who starred in "The Wire" and "Luther," was surprised after being crowned this year's winner, the magazine said .

"I was like, 'Come on, no way. Really?'" he told the magazine. "Looked in the mirror, I checked myself out. I was like, 'Yeah, you are kind of sexy today.' But to be honest, it was just a nice feeling. It was a nice surprise—an ego boost for sure."

Elba's selection was revealed on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," with the actor appearing via satellite from London. Fallon had Elba perform poses to match the magazine's cover description of him as a "sweet, smoldering superstar." Elba said of his selection, "My mom is going to be very, very proud."

The actor has also starred in Marvel's "Thor" franchise and as Nelson Mandela in the film "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom."

Elba, 46, also performs on the side under the deejay name DJ Big Driis and has his own clothing line. He is also planning a wedding with his fiancée Sabrina Dhowre.

The actor has a 16-year-old daughter, Isan, and a 4-year-old son, Winston, from previous relationships.

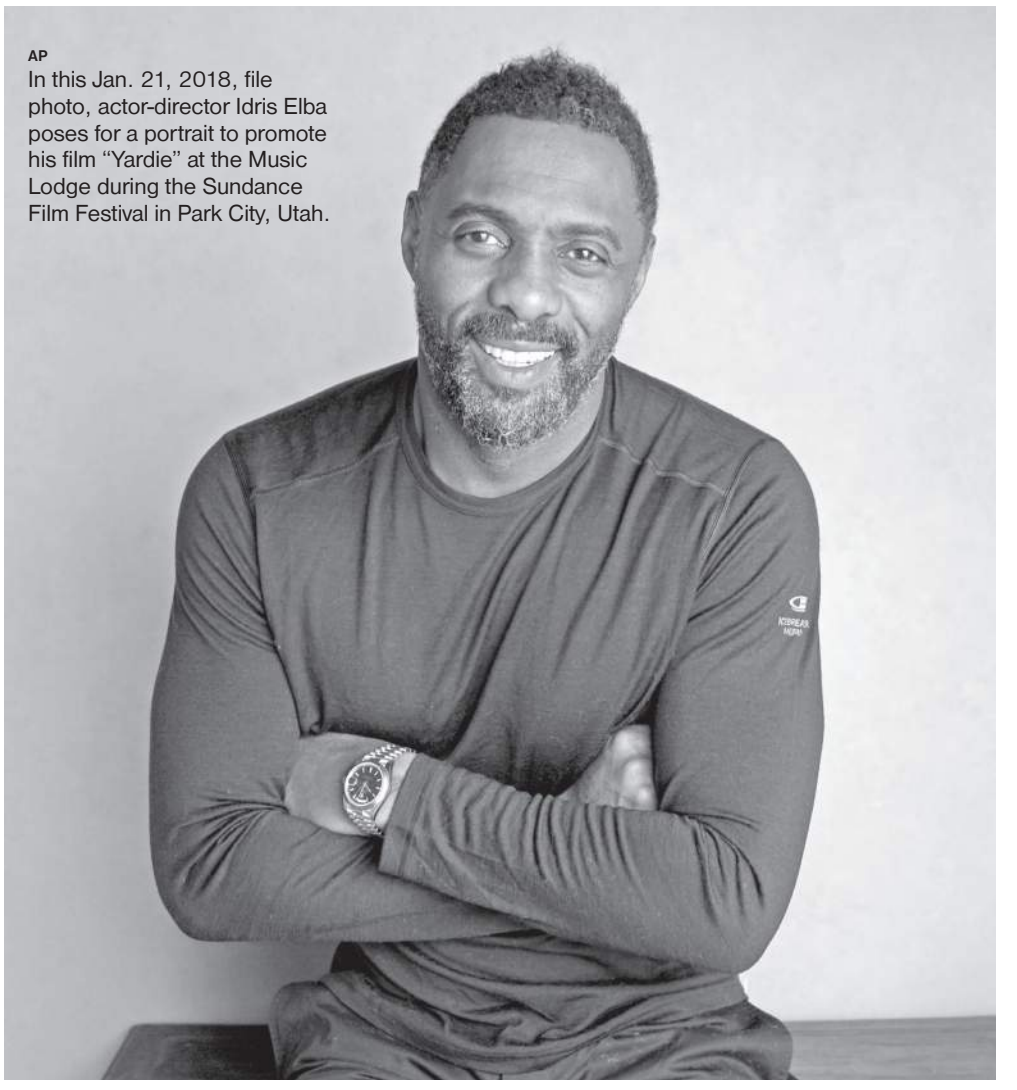
Elba told People about his upbringing as an only child of African immigrants growing up in East London. The actor said his parents were strict and he got picked on often while attending an all-boys school despite playing an array of sports including football, basketball, cricket, hockey and rugby.

"I was very tall and skinny," recalled Elba, who stands at 6-foot-3. "And my name was Idrissa Akuna Elba, OK? I got picked on a little bit. But again, as soon as I could grow a mustache, I was the coolest kid on the block. Grew a mustache, had some muscles, bonkers."

Past winners include Dwayne Johnson, David Beckham, Chris Hemsworth, Adam Levine, Channing Tatum and last year's honoree, country star Blake Shelton.

Elba will be featured in a special double issue that will hit newsstands Friday. The actor said he tries to live life without few regrets.

"Life isn't about thinking about what you should have done," he said. "I think everyone should adopt the philosophy that tomorrow is not promised so just go for it today. You might as well do it to your heart's content."



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In this Jan. 21, 2018, file photo, actor-director Idris Elba poses for a portrait to promote his film "Yardie" at the Music Lodge during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Billboard names Ariana Grande 2018 Woman of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — The music industry is honoring Ariana Grande. Billboard on Tuesday named the 25-year-old award-winning singer its 2018 Woman of the Year. Grande will receive the award at Billboard's 13th annual Women in Music event on Dec. 6 in New York City. Previous recipients include Taylor Swift, Lady Gaga, Madonna and Selena Gomez. In a statement Billboard's vice president of content Ross Scarano says Grande "consistently stands up for herself and her decisions in a world that often isn't hospitable to that sort of strength in young women." In the past year, Grande has had Top 40 hits including "No Tears Left To Cry," ''Breathin'" and "God Is A Woman." She helped organize the One Love Manchester concert last year, raising more than $23 million for victims of the Manchester bombing.

Elton John remembers Aretha Franklin at his annual AIDS gala

NEW YORK (AP) — Elton John said he stood by the stage and sobbed at his foundation's gala last year as Aretha Franklin made her final public performance. "I was shocked to see how thin she was, and she just smiled her sweet smile at me and said, 'I didn't want to let you down,'" he told The Associated Press on the red carpet Monday night at this year's party. John said Franklin "gave us one of the greatest performances of our lifetime." She died in August at age 76. From the podium, John also acknowledged Tony Bennett, who was in the audience, as another inspirational singer. "Artists like that don't come around that often. They are dying out, and it's such a shame because there's no one to replace them," the 71-year-old John told the crowd. The gala raised $3.9 million for the Elton John AIDS Foundation, which was launched in 1992.

Eat your heart out at the Pizza Museum

NEW YORK (AP) — There is now a museum for pizza lovers everywhere that's popped-up in arguably America's pizza capital, New York City. The Museum of Pizza is dedicated to all things cheese and sauce, but there's more to it than meets the tongue. "It's often that the simplest ideas are the best. And we wanted to use pizza's ubiquitous appeal to get people through the door and looking at art and hearing about history in a different format," said Alexandra Serio, Chief Content Officer at Nameless Network, the group that baked the Museum of Pizza idea. "Our approach to this Museum of Pizza is a fine art approach, so we went out to multiple artists contemporary in many mediums, and asked them for their interpretation of pizza," said Serio. "And what we got back is_it ranges the gambit, let's just say that. That's an understatement." Located on the street level of Brooklyn's William Vale hotel, the museum is an expansive, one-floor space that houses a wide variety of art, from giant photographs to sculptures to large installations that engulf visitors.

Extra place set at the table helps combat holiday blues

DEAR ABBY: I read that there is a suicide somewhere in the world every 40 seconds. Numbers rise at holiday time. Feeling like a child whose nose is pressed against a window, seeing others from the outside as they enjoy the warmth of the moment, can lead to thoughts of abandonment and despair. That's why I have a mission—I set an extra place at my table.

I can attest that it works. One year I announced in church that my home would be open to anyone who didn't have a family. A woman came forward and accepted my invitation. We spent the day getting to know each other and bonded in friendship.

Please encourage your readers to set an extra place at their holiday table. My brother committed suicide. I move forward in his honor.

FULL OF GRATITUDE IN PHOENIX

DEAR FULL OF GRATITUDE: Please accept my sympathy for the tragic loss of your brother. I'm pleased to help spread the word. Isolation can be a killer, and inclusion can be a lifesaver. Bless you for what you are doing. I hope other readers will consider it and follow your example.

DEAR ABBY: I have a dilemma I don't know how to maneuver through. I have been working as an intern at a company for about 18 months. During the summer, I completed a test I needed to become fully licensed in my field.

However, I'm still working in my current position at intern wages, although I have repeatedly requested a meeting with my employer to talk money. He continues to say he doesn't have time, and we will discuss it later. He even agreed to a time on a certain day but failed to show up for the meeting. When I emailed him the amount I want, he replied, "We'll talk about it later." Should I continue to press the issue? Call him? Email? Or just look for other work?

CONCERNED ABOUT MONEY

DEAR CONCERNED: You have done enough. Pushing your employer further won't help. The ball is now in his court. Start quietly looking for another job—one in which your skills will be appropriately compensated.

DEAR ABBY: How can I tactfully tell an elementary school teacher in whose class I assist that she uses poor grammar and words that aren't words (i.e., "I boughten this yesterday," or, "Her and me went to the soccer game.")? I am fond of this teacher but feel she's doing a disservice to her pupils. Other than that she's a devoted, energetic teacher. It is really difficult to bite my tongue.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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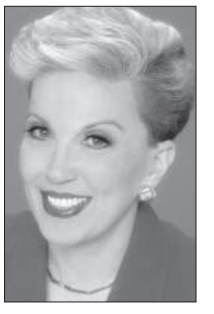

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DEAR TACTFUL: Children model their behavior after the example the adults around them provide. That a teacher would consistently do what she's doing in a classroom setting is shocking. How could she have become a licensed educator with such poor English skills?

Politically speaking, I don't think that as her subordinate you should take it upon yourself to correct the woman. I do think this is something you should discuss with the school principal.

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Calvin and Hobbes

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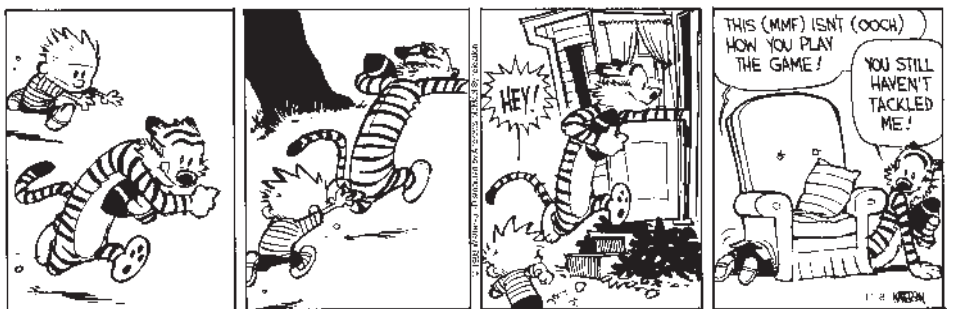

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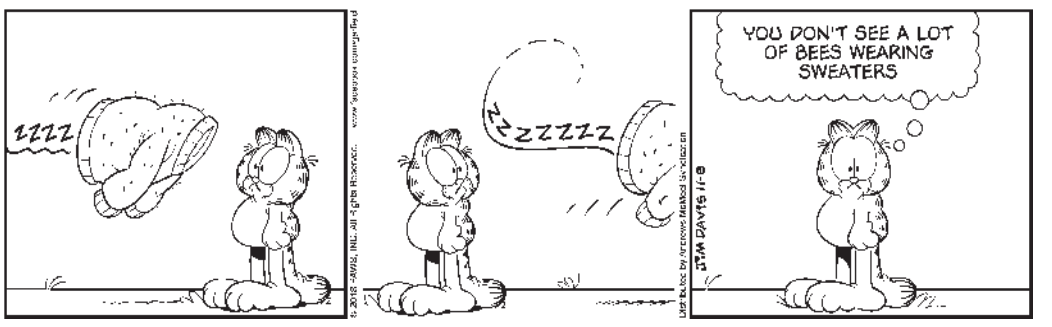

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

SO, THE GIRL IN YOUR BOOK IS SICK?
YEAH. I HATE BOOK REPORTS.
WHAT KIND OF SICK? WHAT DOES SHE HAVE?
I DUNNO. IT'S LIKE.. GRAMPLES OR SOMETHING. I DON'T REMEMBER.
SON, DID YOU READ THE BOOK?
WHAT AM I? ON TRIAL HERE?

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Lima's land
5 Leg, in slang
8 Skewer
12 Goblet feature
13 Eggs
14 Celestial bear
15 Wild guess
16 Tavern
17 Surround
18 Nobel-winning Mother
20 Mosque leader
22 Fishing gear
26 Spiteful
29 Some coll. degrees
30 Sony rival
31 Aware of
32 Sit-up targets
33 Laugh-a-minute
34 Depot (Abbr.)
35 Payable
36 Shade of black
37 Chinese principles
40 Lady of the haus
41 T-shirt fabric
45 "Scram!"
47 "Humbug!"
49 Corn Belt state
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55 Otherwise

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1 "Hey!"
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4 Author Eco
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6 Ms. Gardner
7 Spots for yachts
8 Tea sweetener
9 Chophouse order
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11 Wee bit
19 Tofu source
21 Rx writers
23 Monastery
24 Earth Day subj.
25 Overdue
26 Prying
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35 "CSI" evidence
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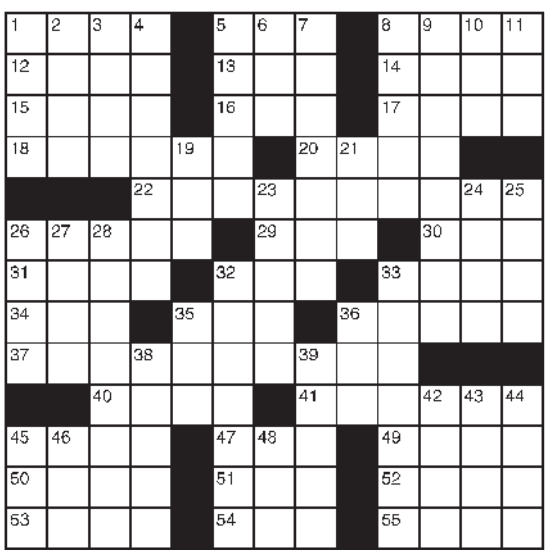

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Happy Birthday: Take everything in and consider your options before you decide to make a move this year. Don't let anyone upset you or pressure you to do something that you aren't ready to pursue. Timing is crucial when dealing with matters of a personal nature. Know what you are up against and strategize the best way to come out on top. Your numbers are 9, 17, 26, 32, 34, 40, 46.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Be secretive about your plans. An important relationship can be taken to the next level if you are willing to make a couple of changes. Speak up and clear up any misunderstandings you might have regarding joint money, possessions or expenses. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Reinforce your position and your claims. Know what you want. Show interest as well as concerns. The best way to deal with situations is to be direct, fair and willing to compromise. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Discussions will help clear up a misunderstanding. Expect someone to meddle in your affairs. Take steps to keep personal information and decisions secret for the time being. A personal or professional gesture will be difficult to resist. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Review your plans and present what you would like to see happen. Open up a dialogue with someone you have worked with in the past, and they may offer interesting suggestions that will help you pursue your plans. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Make a change and make a difference. Interact with people who share your goals. Network with people you see as leaders and self-starters. Much can be accomplished if you are sincere and passionate about what you want to see happen. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Take a stance and follow through. You can bring about important change if you are willing to stand up for your beliefs. A meeting, a conference or reaching out to people who have something to offer will help your progress. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Don't jeopardize your ability to get ahead or to hold on to what belongs to you. Someone will use underhanded tactics if you are too accommodating. Keep your personal information a secret, and refuse to let anyone bully you. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Being secretive will be in your best interest. The less others know about your plans, the easier it will be to reach your goal. Arguing or dealing with excessive people should be avoided. Know your limits and stick to your plan. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Keep your story straight. If you get mixed up, you will give the wrong impression. Your focus should be on yourself, not others. Personal changes will lift your spirits and make you feel good. Use your attributes to further your position. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't take anything for granted. Just when you least expect it, someone will throw you a curveball that will send you on a tailspin. Stay on top of what's going on around you and the people you deal with daily. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* How you handle your finances should be changed to suit the economic climate. Don't fret over what others are doing. Keep your personal matters separate and safe. Walk away from anyone trying to persuade you to take a risk. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Listen carefully, but do not react. Someone will try to coerce you into something you shouldn't do. Excessive and indulgent behavior should be avoided. Focus on gaining stability, not upsetting what you've worked so hard to achieve. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, aggressive and possessive. You are secretive and instinctual.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Last Friday's Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room in the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan on the island of Tinian. The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (September 28, 2018)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

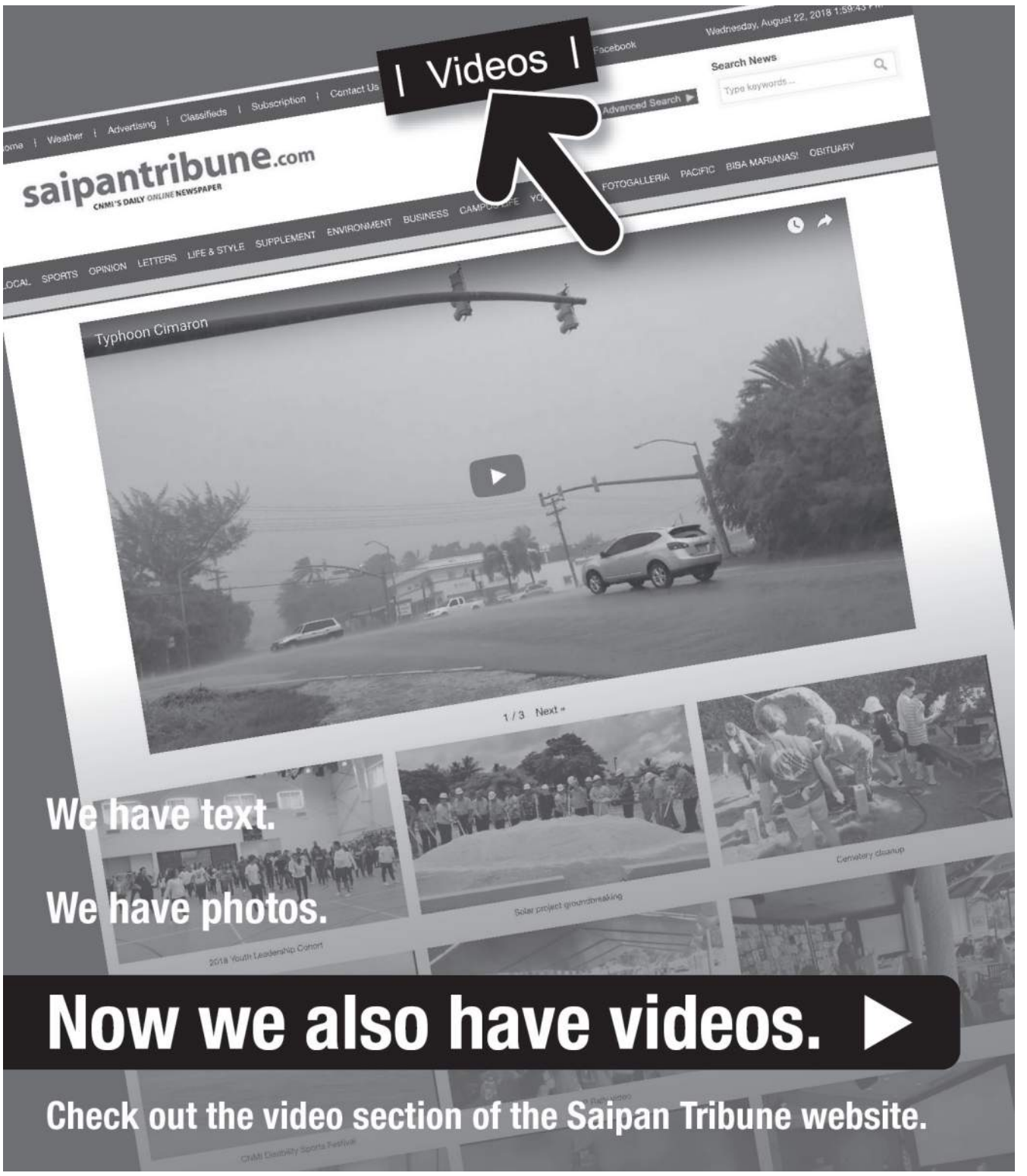
III. ITEMS:
1. Tinian International Airport Divert Airfield Lease

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- Legal Counsel Reports: Legal matters/Litigation

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS
VI. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Chairman, Board of Directors
November 7, 2018



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Fourth-quarter surge lifts Hornets over Hawks

CHARLOTTE (AP)— A fourth-quarter surge helped Charlotte complete a successful homestand. Still, coach James Borrego and All-Star guard Kemba Walker know the Hornets need to play better if they want to improve on their 6-5 start.

Walker had 29 points and seven assists as Charlotte beat the Atlanta Hawks, 113-102, on Tuesday night. Marvin Williams added 20 points for the Hornets, who finished a 3-1 homestand.

"I give Atlanta a lot of credit," Borrego said. "They really guarded us tonight. They're very active with their shifts. We were real stagnant and we didn't have a great rhythm offensively until the fourth quarter."

That's when Walker and Williams spurred a 19-4 spurt that allowed the Hornets to pull away from the Hawks (3-7).

"A win is a win," Walker said. "We were a little sloppy early on. But we adjusted and made plays down the stretch and came out with a win."

Walker was critical of his five turnovers on a night when Charlotte committed 21 overall.

"They're pretty good defensively," Walker said. "They're active and they disrupted us early. We have to do a better job of adjusting, especially me."

Walker and Williams scored 12 points apiece in the second half as Charlotte erased a 54-51 halftime deficit. Walker has scored 25 or more seven times in 11 games.

AP

Charlotte Hornets forward Marvin Williams (2) pauses to shoot while being covered by Atlanta Hawks' Kevin Hueter (7) and Kent Bazemore in the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018 in Charlotte, N.C.

Trail Blazers 118, Bucks 103

In Portland, after struggling, at least by his standards, in the first 10 games of the season, one of the main questions going into the fourth week of the regular season was "What's wrong with CJ McCollum?"

In Tuesday night's game, we got an answer: not a damn thing.

McCollum went 17-of-26 from the field and 5-of-10 from three for 40 points to go with six assists and five rebounds to help the Trail Blazers defeat the Bucks in front of a sellout crowd of 19,512 at the Moda Center.

The Trail Blazers are now 8-3 overall and 5-2 at home this season. The victory also ends a four-game losing streak to Milwaukee and ensures the Bucks won't sweep the season series for the third consecutive season.

After a close first half, McCollum gave the Trail Blazers the advantage in the third, scoring 19 points in the quarter to tilt the scales in the home team's advantage.

But even with McCollum's heroics, the Bucks still managed to keep it close going into the home stretch. Portland's lead was cut to five after a Tony Snell three-pointer with 7:13 to play, at which point it looked as though the Trail Blazers might have a close finish on their hands.

But Portland finished the game on a 20-10 run to come away with the 15-point victory while handing Milwaukee just their second loss of the season.

Mavericks 119, Wizards 100

In Dallas, Luka Doncic scored 23 points and Dennis Smith Jr. made three key plays down the stretch as the Dallas Mavericks ended a six-game losing streak by beating the Washington Wizards.

It was the Mavericks' 16th win in their last 17 meetings with the Wizards. Wesley Matthews added 22 points for Dallas, and Harrison Barnes had 19 points and 13 rebounds.

John Wall led the Wizards with 24 points. Otto Porter Jr. and Bradley Beal had 19 each, but Beal was 1 for 9 on 3-point attempts.

Washington trailed by 24 in the first half and 21 at halftime, but forced 11 Dallas turnovers in the second half and climbed back into the game behind its top three players.

Nets 104, Suns 82

In Phoenix, Caris LeVert scored 26 points, D'Angelo Russell added 15 and the Brooklyn Nets beat the struggling Phoenix Suns.

The Nets won their third game in the past four, while the Suns have lost eight of nine.

Devin Booker led Phoenix with 20 points but made just 6 of 21 shots. Deandre Ayton had 15 points and a season-high 13 rebounds.

Brooklyn held the Suns to a season low in points and field goal shooting at 34.6 percent.

The Suns went on a 9-0 run to turn a 14-point deficit in the third quarter to 63-58 difference on Trevor Ariza's corner 3 with 5:31 to play. The Nets regained a 14-point lead, 74-60, with Dinwiddie's 3 at the 2:18 mark.

Phoenix never threatened in the fourth, the Suns' cold shooting helping the Nets remain in control.

Lakers sign Chandler after buyout from Suns

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Veteran center Tyson Chandler signed with the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday, two days after reaching a buyout agreement with the Phoenix Suns.

Chandler will provide needed frontcourt depth for the Lakers, who have relied on JaVale McGee and undersized forwards to guard big men during their 4-6 start to the season. Rookie center Moe Wagner still hasn't made his debut while returning slowly from a knee injury, and Lakers basketball boss Magic Johnson didn't want to wait any longer to bolster his team's areas of need.

While the 36-year-old Chandler might not be the dominant defensive player he was in his prime, he could play regular minutes for coach Luke Walton while the Lakers attempt to find a winning groove in their first season with LeBron James.

The Lakers host Minnesota on Wednesday night.

"Having observed our roster for the first 10 games of this young season, one of the areas that Earvin and I discussed with Luke that we desired to upgrade is interior defense and rebounding," Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka said. "In Tyson Chandler, we addressed that need and so much more. We are excited that Tyson will bring championship-level experience that will solidify our veteran leadership and help positively shape our young core."

Chandler has been a standout NBA defender and rebounder for half of his life. He is the latest addition to a core of veteran Lakers newcomers around James including Rajon Rondo, Lance Stephenson, McGee and Michael Beasley, who returned to practice Tuesday after spending a week away due to an undisclosed personal matter.

Chandler is joining his seventh team early in his 18th season in the league. He won a championship ring with Dallas in 2011, and he was the NBA's defensive player of the year with New York in 2012 before earning an All-Star selection in 2013.

He spent the past three seasons with Phoenix, and he averaged 6.5 points and 9.1 rebounds per game last year. Chandler has made more than 55 percent of his shots in each of the past 13 seasons, and his career .596 shooting percentage is the third-best in NBA history.

A California native, Chandler attended Dominguez High School in Compton before going pro. He was the second pick in the 2001 draft by the Clippers, who immediately traded his rights to Chicago

USOC moves to shut down USA Gymnastics

NEW YORK (AP)—The U.S. Olympic Committee took steps Monday to decertify USA Gymnastics as the governing body for the sport at the Olympic level, choosing to pursue the nuclear option for an organization that botched its own rebuilding attempt in the wake of a sex-abuse scandal involving former team doctor Larry Nassar.

In an open letter to the gymnastics community, USOC CEO Sarah Hirshland said "you deserve better," and that the challenges facing USA Gymnastics are more than it is capable of overcoming as currently constructed.

The USOC itself also has faced criticism for not responding quickly and appropriately to sex abuse cases, and though the move was cheered by the gymnast whose own revelations helped propel Nassar's years of abuse to the fore — "THANK YOU," tweeted Rachel Denhollander—others viewed it as a ploy to shift blame for the scandal.

"Today's announcement by USOC seeks only to deflect from their total failure over decades to protect the gymnasts in their care," said a statement from attorneys Michelle Simpson Tuegel and Mo Aziz, who represent Olympian Tasha Schwikert and her sister, Jordan, in their lawsuit against USAG and the USOC.

Earlier this year, the USOC said it was seeking to remove itself as a defendant from a number of lawsuits—including those filed by gold medalists McKayla Maroney, Jordyn Wieber and Aly Raisman—claiming Nassar never worked for the federation, nor were his crimes foreseeable by the USOC. The lawsuits claim the USOC, as the umbrella organization that oversees USA Gymnastics, should have done more when it learned of the abuse.

It did push for new leadership at USA Gymnastics, but even with a new board of directors that started in June, the organization made repeated mistakes while dealing with the aftermath of revelations that the now-imprisoned Nassar molested Olympians while working as a volunteer. Those included the botched hiring of a program coordinator and an interim CEO to replace Kerry Perry, who lasted barely nine months on the job after the USOC forced out Steve Penny.

The announcement comes only days after the U.S. team brought home nine medals from the World Championships in the first major meet in the lead-up to Tokyo in 2020. Five of those were individual medals won by Olympic champion Simone Biles, who is among the athletes who have not hesitated to criticize the organization.

Sabathia agrees to $8M deal with Yankees

NEW YORK (AP)—CC Sabathia is returning to the Yankees' rotation in 2019.

On Tuesday, the veteran left-hander agreed to a one-year, $8 million contract pending the results of a physical, according to an executive with knowledge of the deal.

After the Yankees were eliminated by the Red Sox in last month's AL Division Series, Sabathia underwent another arthroscopic "cleanup" on his arthritic right knee. As was the case last year, Sabathia is expected to be fully ready for spring training.

Agreement of a new one-year deal was first reported by the New York Post.

Sabathia, 38, continued his recent renaissance in 2018, going 9-7 in 29 starts with a 3.65 ERA – his lowest since the 2012 season. He struck out 140 batters in 153 innings, and his assortment of cut fastballs, sliders and change-ups has reliably induced soft contact over the past three seasons.

Bolstering the club's rotation is the stated No. 1 objective of general manager Brian Cashman, and the Yankees have much more work to do this winter; only Luis Severino, Masahiro Tanaka and Sabathia can be counted on at this stage.

The Yankees are hoping to re-sign veteran lefty J.A. Happ, who could find a three-year deal on the free agent market.

New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia delivers against the Boston Red Sox during the first inning of Game 4 of baseball's American League Division Series, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in New York.

Diamondbacks free agent lefty Patrick Corbin, 29, has been identified as another primary Yankees target.

And there are trades to explore with the Indians (Corey Kluber, Carlos Carrasco) and Mariners (James Paxton) as the Hot Stove League gets warmer.

In their first two offseason moves, the Yankees have also retained the two most important veteran clubhouse voices in Sabathia and outfielder Brett Gardner.

Last week, the Yankees and Gardner reached an agreement on a one-year, $7.5 million contract, keeping the current longest-tenured Yankees in pinstripes and out of the free agent market.

After the Game 4 of the ALDS, Sabathia ripped home plate umpire Angel Hernandez, saying he "shouldn't be anywhere near these playoff games. He's bad."

And Sabathia will be serving a five-game suspension to begin the 2019 season due to a September incident at Tampa Bay.

Sabathia narrowly missed out on a $500,000 total innings performance bonus after being ejected in his last regular-season start for drilling Jesus Sucre of the Rays.

With a lifetime record of 246-153, and ranked third all-time among left-handers in strikeouts (he's 14 shy of reaching 3,000), Sabathia has lately acknowledged his proximity to career achievements that will undoubtedly get him on a Hall of Fame ballot five years after his career ends.

Since joining the Yankees in 2009, their last world championship season, Sabathia is 129-80 with a 3.74 ERA.

Nats made offer to Harper late in season

The Washington Nationals made an offer to Bryce Harper late in the season in an attempt to reach a deal before he became a free agent.

Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo disclosed the talks with agent Scott Boras at the general managers' meetings on Tuesday.

"We've had conversations and we utilized our exclusivity to negotiate with him late in the season through when he became eligible to sign with a team," Rizzo said. "We didn't get anything done, but he's a guy that is near and dear to us and we are not closing any doors."

Harper, who turned 26 last month, is expected to receive the largest contract among the 164 free agents. He is a six-time All-Star with 184 homers, 521 RBIs and a .900 OPS.

"He's shown the type of player he is and now he's a grizzled veteran," Rizzo said. "He has done a lot in the game already, and he is just scratching the surface."

Harper was dressed in his full Nats uniform more than 3½ hours before the team's final home game in September and was unsure of his future.

"I can't really stand here and say it's going to be 'farewell' or anything like that, because nobody knows. Nobody knows what this offseason holds," he said.

Roethlisberger skips practice, but expects to face Panthers

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger sat out practice on Tuesday to give his broken left index finger a rest but he is expected to play on Thursday night when Carolina visits Heinz Field.

Roethlisberger said the finger was "fine" after he threw the ball 47 times in last Sunday's victory over Baltimore.

He did leave the game briefly in the third quarter after getting the wind knocked out of him, but he returned after missing just one snap.

The 36-year-old is on pace to top 5,000 yards passing for the first time in his career. He came close in 2014 when he tied Drew Brees for the league lead with 4,952. Roethlisberger said reaching the 5,000-yard plateau "is still a pretty big deal" but he is keeping his focus on the team.

The Steelers (5-2-1) have ripped off four straight wins to climb into first in the AFC North. The short week means they won't have much time to prepare for the surging Panthers (6-2), which might not be a bad thing. Roethlisberger expects to rely a little more heavily on the no-huddle offense, a setup in which he thrives.

"We've been doing it for a while," Roethlisberger said. "We know it. We know it pretty well. We did it really well in Baltimore, really well, and just being able to pick up the pace and the tempo."

The Steelers often turn to the no-huddle in an effort to snap them out of a funk early in games, but Roethlisberger isn't using it as a method of trying to get the ball downfield.

While he's on track to set a career high in yards, his production has dipped a bit during Pittsburgh's winning streak. He's gone over 300 yards just once in Pittsburgh's past five games after going over 330 yards in each of the first three weeks.

An improved defense has helped. Roethlisberger lit up scoreboards early because the Steelers were trying to keep up with opponents who had little trouble getting to the end zone.

That's not happening much anymore. Now that Roethlisberger isn't tasked with trying to play catch up, the Steelers have taken a more balanced approach.

Second-year running back James Conner is second in the NFL in yards from scrimmage and Roethlisberger is content to keep throwing the ball underneath to move the chains and keep Pittsburgh's defense off the field. And just like that, Pittsburgh's sluggish 1-2-1 start has become a distant memory.

"There was no panic in this room early in the season," Roethlisberger said. "That's why we got a good chuckle out of (the media) panicking and the outside world panicking, but for us it was just a matter of playing the next week."

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coach, two parents, and one club official participated in the cleanup drive, picking loose tree branches, sweeping off leaves, and clearing the area of other debris—more than week after Saipan was slammed by Super Typhoon Yutu.

"We only asked volunteers from older players in the competitive age group (U13A, U15 boys, U16 girls, and U18 boys). Some players are not able to show up for the clean up as private schools, like Saipan International School and Grace Christian Academy, have resumed their classes," Tan said.

MP United cleaned GES for two hours, from 9am to 11am and then the grouped moved to Navy Hill field to pick up debris for one hour.

"I'm very proud of the volunteer players as they understand that we need to help the school/community and little things do help to beautify the island back. Thanks to GES principal, Ms. Leila Yumul, for their partnership and support towards MPU, for allowing us to continue using the school field," Tan said.

Meanwhile, the MP United official said that the club's players want to continue practicing even though the 2018 NMIFA Youth Fall League is on hold.

MP United is ahead in the team standings in the boys U18 division with its perfect 4-0-0 win-draw-loss record. It's last game before the league suspended the season was against TanHoldings FC (Oct. 20) with MPU cruising to a 9-0 triumph.

In the boys U15 division, MP United is ranked third after holding a 2-1-1 mark. It also had a lopsided win in its last match, whipping Shirley's FC, 8-0. For the girls U16 play, the club owns a 1-2-1 card, forcing a 2-2 draw versus Paire FC in their Oct. 20 tiff. MP United also had a draw against Kanoa-2, 2-2, in the co-ed U13A division to stay in second place in the team standings with its 2-1-1 mark.

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modation purposes, as most participants will be housed in hotels. The Pacific Games will run from July 7 to 20.

"We decided not to send teams in the 5x5 and instead we are trying to work something out for the 3x3 competition," Rangamar said.

For the 3x3, MIBF will stick with the same men's team that represented the Commonwealth in the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Vanuatu. Jack Lizama, Preston Basa, Dan Barcinas, and Douglas Schmidt suited up for the CNMI in the Mini Games last year, earning a 3-5 record and missing the playoff round.

"We are sticking with the same guys because we need consistency," Rangamar said, adding that they will also keep the women's squad that ruled last year's qualifying tournament and invite a couple more players.

Sisters Anna Lei and Eleina Santos and Halle Kenty anchored Fab IV to the finals win over CTSI in the 3x3 Hoopfest Marianas 2017.

With the CNMI not sending teams in the 5x5 competition, Team Marianas is left to participate in athletics, tennis, canoe, beach volleyball (men's and women's), indoor volleyball (men's), and weightlifting. These are the sports that committed to compete in Samoa as per NMSA's meeting last October (the Nov. monthly meeting was canceled due to Super Typhoon Yutu), while baseball and golf had no representatives in last month's gathering.

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Stadium in Kallang, Singapore last June 17.

For his third consecutive Fight of the Night recognition, the 29-year-old was pitted against Nebraska native Drew Dober in the UFC on Fox 27: Jacare vs Brunson 2 at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. The 30-year-old Dober outclassed Camacho for a unanimous decision win in their Jan. 27, 2018 bout.

After his second loss, Camacho took a break for nearly eight months before returning to the eight sides to cap off his deal with UFC. This time, he traveled to Dallas, Texas to challenge slugger Geoff Neal. The home bet went on to floor Camacho with a head kick for a knockout victory at the 1:23 mark of the second round of their duel in UFC 228: Woodley vs Till at the American Airlines Center.

The Marianas warriors considered his KO loss to Neal as the worst loss in his MMA career to date and vowed to return stronger and wiser after absorbing his seventh loss in 28 fights.

Meanwhile, Camacho continued to get inspired with how people affected by the typhoon are recovering and how everyone is doing their share in providing help to Saipan and Tinian residents.

"We get hit hard and bloodied up at times. We get back up and and keep fighting the good fight The strength of everyone on Saipan and Tinian truly shows during these times of hardship. It's inspiring."

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No CNMI 5x5 cage teams in Samoa

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Mariana Islands Basketball Federation has decided not to send men's and women's teams in the 5x5 competition in the 2019 Pacific Games that will be held in Samoa.

"Basketball has advised us that they will not be sending any 5x5 teams," Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White said.

"It's too costly," MIBF official Elias Rangamar said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

NMSA members, in earlier meetings, estimated the costs (airfare and accommodations) to send athletes/officials to Samoa at around $2,000 per delegate.

MIBF had to inform NMSA that it is ruling out fielding teams in the 5x5 basketball contest in the quadrennial event as CNMI local sports federation have until December to inform Samoa organizers about the number of athletes and officials they are sending in Apia. Early this year, MIBF had expressed interest in competing in 5x5 basketball both in the women's and men's divisions. Federations that committed to bring teams to Samoa will not be fined if they back out, but organizers need the numbers by December this year for accom-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Dean Blake, center, blocks a shot from a Guam player during their game in the 5x5 basketball competition in the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap last July. The Commonwealth will not be playing in the 5x5 basketball contest in the 2019 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa.

'The Crank' looking for UFC return in February

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, throws warm-up jabs before his bout against Geoff Neal in the UFC 228: Woodley vs Till at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas, last September.

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho is eyeing an early return to Ultimate Fighting Championships next year.

"No set dates on fights. Looking at maybe February of next year in the UFC. Not sure of any opponents or location of the fight, I am just looking forward to getting back in there," said Camacho, who joined Sons of Saipan and Marianas Young Professionals in the distribution of relief goods to victims of Super Typhoon Yutu early this week.

Camacho completed his four-fight deal with the American mixed martial arts promotion company based in Las Vegas, Nevada last September, earning three Fight of the Nights honors and recording one victory.

His lone triumph was against Australia's Damien Brown during the UFC Fight Night 121: Werdum vs Tybura at the Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia last Nov. 18, 2017. Camacho was handed the split decision win in their three-round bout in the lightweight class.

The match against Brown was the Marianas pride's second straight Fight of the Night honors in UFC with his first one versus China's Jingliang Li. The Chinese defeated Camacho via unanimous decision during the UFC Fight Night 111: Holm vs Correla held at the Singapore Indoor

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MP United cleans GES, Navy Hill fields

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
MP United Football Club players and officials pose for a photo after a cleanup drive at the Garapan Elementary School last Monday.

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MP United Football Club had a cleanup drive at the Garapan Elementary School and Navy Hill Field last Monday morning.

"We decided to have a clean up at GES and Navy Hill since these two are our home pitches. Also, we got a request from GES principal Leila Yumul, requesting for help to clean the field," MP United vice president Lydia Tan said.

Thirteen players, one

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